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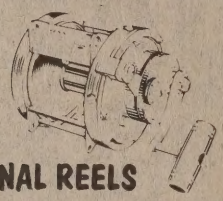

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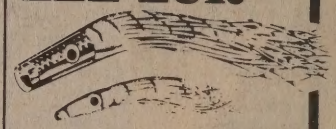

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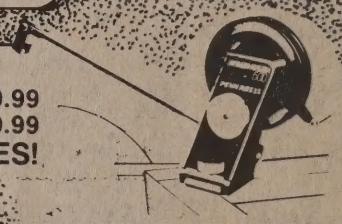

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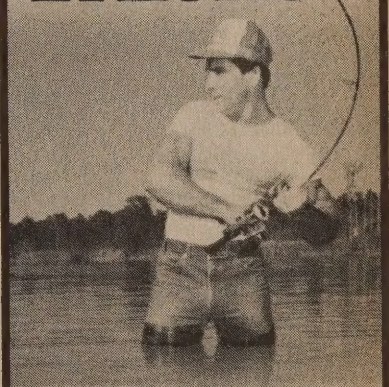

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AN ADVISORY ON POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs) IN STRIPED BASS

Three Connecticut State agencies—the Department of Health Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Consumer Protection—have issued an advisory that striped bass (*Morone saxatilus*) taken from the waters of Long Island Sound should not be eaten. This advisory is based on recent findings by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York Department of Health in which a majority of striped bass taken from the waters of Long Island Sound had levels of PCBs greater than the tolerance level of 2.0 parts per million (ppm) established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. As a result of these findings, New York has banned commercial fishing for striped bass in western Long Island Sound, New York Harbor and the Hudson River. Consequently, striped bass taken in these areas by Connecticut fishermen can no longer legally be sold.

Health Effects: Disorders of the liver, skin and nervous system have been shown to occur in persons occupationally exposed to high levels of PCBs. Studies of laboratory animals exposed to PCBs have demonstrated their cancer causing ability. There are also concerns that PCBs can have adverse effects on the developing fetus. From these findings, the probable dosage of PCBs over a lifetime of low level exposure is considered serious enough to warrant the advisory. PCBs have a tendency to accumulate in fatty tissue and remain there at elevated levels for long periods of time. An individual may receive his or her largest dietary exposure to an animal carcinogen by consuming striped bass with elevated levels of PCBs.

PCBs in Fish: Striped bass taken on the New York side of Long Island Sound and analyzed by New York were found to contain concentrations of PCBs from 0.20 to 100.0 ppm. The New York data showed that the average level of PCBs for 85 striped bass greater than 18 inches was 3.9 ppm. There was a high probability in all areas sampled that a given fish would exceed the FDA limit of 2 ppm. The PCB contamination in Long Island Sound striped bass is believed to be a result of fish migrating to our waters from the Hudson River which is known to have been polluted in the past with high levels of PCBs.

New York did not ban commercial fishing for striped bass in eastern Long Island Sound, because, in their opinion, the data did not support such an action. Fish taken from New York waters east of a line from Wading River, Long Island to East Haven, Connecticut can continue to be sold by commercially licensed anglers. Additional fish samples will be collected by Connecticut and New York this summer and New York will assess these data, to determine whether comercial striped bass fishing will continue to be allowed in 1986. New York has developed a tagging system to identify striped bass caught in the area open to commercial fishing. Connecticut waters have been closed to commercial fishing for striped bass for a number of years.

Since the FDA reduced the tolerance level for PCBs from 5.0 ppm to 2.0 ppm in 1984, concern about PCBs in bluefish has been raised periodically. However, bluefish taken from Long Island Sound in 1984 by the Department of Environmental Protection and provided to FDA for analysis had PCB levels of not more than 1.7 ppm and averaged less than 1.5 ppm. Other fish that have been tested (e.g., winter flounder) show concentrations of PCBs less than 0.5 ppm.

The Advisory: The following recommendations are made to reduce exposure to PCBs from striped bass:

Based on a review of the available information, the Department of Health Services, Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Consumer Protection advise that striped bass taken from Long Island Sound should not be eaten.

Because some commercially available and some recreationally caught striped bass from Long Island Sound are likely to be consumed, regardless of this advisory, the departments are also recommending that the following procedures be used in preparing potentially contaminated fish for cooking. These procedures will further reduce the PCB levels. For those particularly concerned with the consumption of potentially contaminated fish these methods can be used for any fish for which that concern may exist (e.g., bluefish).

Cooking Procedures: PCBs accumulate in skin and fatty tissue. Removing the skin, lateral line area, belly flaps and dark meat portions of the fillet will reduce the levels of PCBs prior to cooking. These procedures are the most effective means of reducing PCBs in striped bass and other fish. Broiling fish on a rack so that the fat drips away from the flesh may also be useful in reducing PCB concentrations.

Pregnant women, women of child bearing age, and children less than 15 years old, should consume no Long Island Sound striped bass or other PCB contaminated fish. PCBs tend to concentrate in mother's milk, and to

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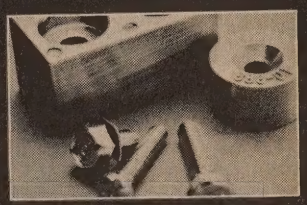

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cross the placenta; thus, they can accumulate in the infant or fetus.

Even though the recommended cooking procedures are followed, adult males and women beyond the child bearing years should limit their consumption of Long Island Sound striped bass and other PCB contaminated fish to one meal per month.

Levels of PCBs in striped bass may be decreasing. The departments will review sampling data for PCBs on an annual basis and revise the advisory accordingly.

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To enter, contact Sea Isle Sports or Hudson Point Fishing Station, both in Freeport.

VIMS TO HOST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)/School of Marine Science of The College of William and Mary will host the National Marine Education Conference (NMEA) July 30-August 3, 1985 on the campus of William and Mary, according to Sue Gammisch, VIMS' Virginia Sea Grant Marine Education Specialist and 1985 Conference Chairperson.

The conference will bring together members from all 50 states, Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain and Egypt. Its membership is composed of teachers; aquarium, museum and zoo educators; college and university personnel; representatives from marine research facilities; private industry and government agencies as well as all other persons interested in the world of water.

The meeting this year will follow the theme "The Chesapeake: Prologue to the Future" and will focus on the Chesapeake Bay. Through this conference it is hoped that an understanding of a modern estuarine complex will serve in promoting responsible management of the natural resources of all estuaries.

A $5,000 grant from Year of the Ocean Foundation (YOTO) was provided to support the conference. YOTO has been formed to address the numerous topical issues facing the ocean community and to search for a commonality among those concerned with the ocean. Other assistance and support for the conference has been provided by the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation, Virginia Power, Chesapeake Corporation, University of Delaware Sea Grant College Program, the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries De-

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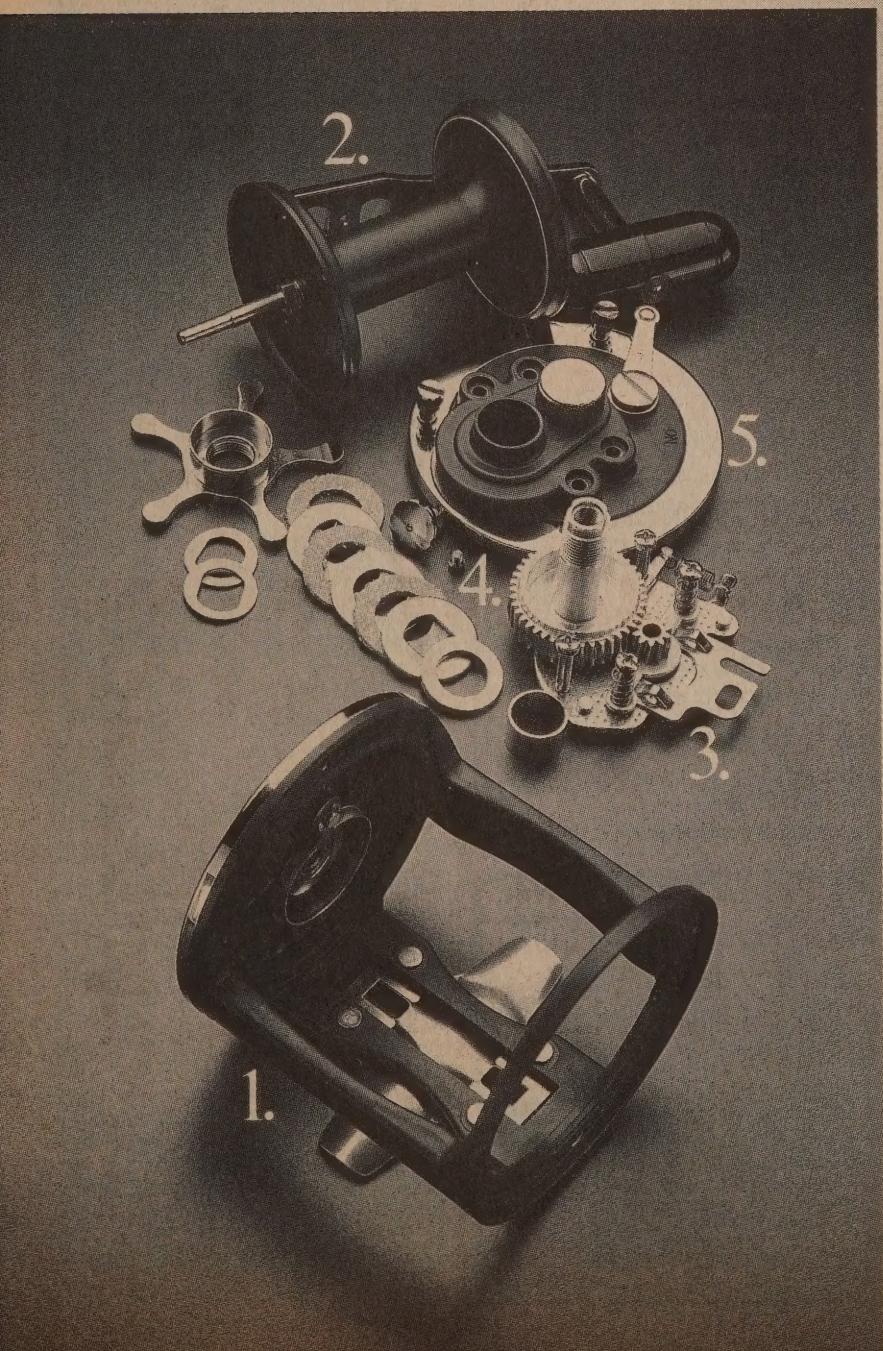

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The week-long conference will offer over 100 concurrent sessions which include: marine and aquatic education, workshops, field trips on research vessels, and visits to museums, to mention only a few. There will also be a Chesapeake Bay Symposium featuring research information presented by prominent marine scientists from estuarine research facilities including the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), a major research institute on the Chesapeake Bay for more than 40 years.

Registration packages for the conference are now available and may be obtained by writing Sue Gammisch, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS, The College of William and Mary, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 or by calling (804) 642-7169.

FLY FISHING SCHOOLS SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER

A full-slate of fly fishing schools to be held this summer throughout the United States has been announced by Fenwick/Woodstream. Nationally-known fly fishing experts will head the schools which are held at premier trout fishing locations. According to Fenwick's Don McDonald, the hands-on courses are "designed to turn novices into fly fishers and pros into masters."

Named to conduct the schools are Gary Borger, director of Midwestern and New Mexico schools; Dave and Freddie Cox, co-directors of salt-water/striped bass fly fishing schools; Jim Gilford, director of Eastern schools; Bob Kelly, director of the Montana schools and Mel Kreiger, director of Western schools.

McDonald says, "Of all fishing skills, one of the most demanding and exciting is fly fishing. To be a good fly fisher you need desire and perseverance combined with know-how and timing. Acquiring these on your own takes years of trial and error and you run the risk of learning wrong habits."

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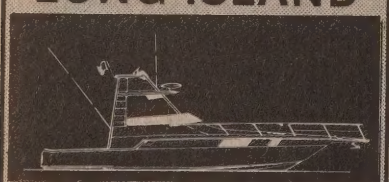

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NEW TROUT FOR GREAT LAKES

An experimental program expected to add a new dimension to New York's outstanding Great Lakes sport fishery was announced recently by Environmental Conservation Comissioner Henry G. Williams.

"New York has been able to obtain 16,000 Skamania strain steelhead eggs from Michigan and Indiana for rearing at the Salmon River Hatchery in Altmar and eventual stocking in Lakes Ontario and Erie," said Williams. "In exchange, we've shipped walleye eggs to Indiana to help them with their walleye program," he said.

"We hope Skamania will complement our existing Great Lakes trout and salmon fisheries by providing a spring and summer near-shore troll fishery and a late summer stream fishery," Williams said. "This strain has greatly expanded the lake-troll fishery for steelhead in Michigan and Indiana waters of Lake Michigan and we anticipate similar results in New York's Great Lakes."

Mature Skamanias will enter tributaries in late August or early September and provide a stream fishery when other trout and salmon are still out in the lake. Fishermen who have caught Skamanias in other waters have been very impressed with the fish's acrobatics and fighting ability. Most of the adult fish weigh 10 to 12 pounds, but some fish will go to 20 pounds.

The Skamania eggs now at Altmar are starting to hatch and will not be ready for stocking until the spring of 1986. These fish will produce a lake fishery during 1987, however, the major run of adult fish back to tributaries will take place during the summer of 1988.

"One of the problems in the Skamania program," said Williams, "is that the adult fish have to be collected during the summer when they are running and then held as adult fish at the hatchery until they are ready to spawn in February. Fortunately, our hatchery system provides us with enough flexibility to conduct this experimental progam."

New York hopes to obtain Skamania strain eggs from either Indiana or Michigan for two more years. This would allow adequate time and numbers to evaluate this strain for future use in New York waters.

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Sigma Mono is available from most tackle outlets and all Shakespeare dealers. Contact individual tournaments for details.

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN SHARK TAG TOURNEY

The Montauk Marine Basin has scheduled its 15th Annual Shark Tag Tournament to be held at Montauk on Saturday, July 13 and 14. All anglers and fishing clubs are cordially invited to participate. Entries to be limited to 150 boats, first come, first served basis. Applications are now being accepted.

This year MMB is offering a total prize purse of $15,000 to the lucky anglers who land the largest sharks in various categories. We will be giving $7,500 for the largest mako (other than a world record); $5,000 for the largest overall shark, and $2,500 for the largest blue shark caught. In addition the tournament committee has placed in escrow !10,000 to be given to the lucky angler who can land a record mako (according to IGFA standards).

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If you are unable to find Hi-Seas Regal monofilament line locally, contact Hi-Seas Industries, Inc., at

the above address for the name and address of the Hi-Seas Regal dealer nearest you. Additional information will be provided upon request. Dealer inquiries are invited.

ISLAND PARK FLUKE TOURNAMENT

With the fishing and tournament season moving into high gear, the enthusiasm of the Island Park Chamber of Commerce's Second Annual Fluke Fishing Tournament is gathering momentum! From Captain Steve Gordon, the project chairman, it was announced that the first 500 anglers to register, will receive free DEC plastic 24 inch rulers so they can measure their catch. The dates to reserve for this event are Saturday, July 6th and Sunday, July 7th. The posters are up along the popular South Shore fishing stations which are handling the registration entries, as well as becoming the weigh-in stations. Prizes and awards will be awarded at Shell Creek Park at Island Park on Sunday, July 7th where a festival type of program is planned. The generosity of local merchants and businesses will furnish many, many raffle prizes so that even the losers can be winners.

TRILENE $1000 WORLD RECORD PROGRAM RENEWED FOR '85

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HUMMINBIRD CVR

by Pete Barrett

Techsonic's display at the World Outdoor Expo at Suffern this past winter was located right next to "The Fisherman" display, so it was hard not to overhear Ernie Schluesner's pep talk to potential buyers of their new Humminbird CVR depth sounder.

I waited for a break in the crowd and finally cornered Ernie with a plea to show me how this latest addition to the 'Bird' lineup worked. Before he was finished my wallet was deflated and I would spend the next several weeks awaiting delivery of my own CVR from a local dealer.

Nicknamed "colorscopes" by fishermen, the CVR is typical of this new breed of electronics and it operates similar to all depth sounders. It utilizes the principles of Sonar to send a sound wave from a transducer, the signal bouncing back to the display unit after it collides with the bottom or any fish in-between.

The main difference is in the display of what it reads. Instead of a rotating flasher, or scratches on a roll of paper, the CVR uses a video screen, much like your home TV, to display the bottom and different species of fish and bait in a wide spectrum of colors.

It separates the strength of the return signals pulsed back to the transducer into eight different signals, which are then displayed as various colors on the screen. Strong signals such as the bottom reading will show up as black, while weaker return signals will read from orange through medium blue.

The display of the bottom and any fish readings begins to the right side of the screen. The CVR adds information one thin column at a time at the right of the screen. As it adds successive columns the previous columns move a fraction of an inch to the left. After the first minute or so of operation the bottom and its changes in depth are clearly shown.

The readings are not permanent in the sense that a graph recorder gives you a piece of paper, something physical in your hands to save for future reference. Humminbird has solved this by adding an interface to a cassette recorder, the same kind you would use to record music in your stereo system, so you can record on tape an entire day's fishing and then play it back at any future time.

The keyboard panel to the upper right of the screen is simple and easy to use. It took me only a few minutes time to go through the basic operations. Within a half hour I was using it like it was an old friend. The *Power/Bright* knob turns the unit on and controls the brightness of the screen. It takes about 10 seconds for the screen to read after you turn it on. The initial depth scale is always 0 to 60 feet at start-up.

After start-up, turn the *Sensitivity* knob, bottom right, until the bottom

reading is black. As water depth changes you will have to increase or decrease the sensitivity setting to tune in the new depth.

The top two rows of key pads or buttons enable you to plug in bottom and top scales. As previously mentioned the initial reading is 0 to 60 feet. To change the lower reading, say to 90 feet, push (9) then (0), then the *Limit* button marked (lower). If you wanted to read only the bottom portion of the water, say to read bottom hugging blues over a lump, you would press (6), then (0) and then the *Limit* button marked (upper). The CVR will now display from 60 feet down to 90 feet. The entire screen will be used.

The display can be slowed down or speeded up to suit your fishing. Two *Display* buttons are marked (fast) and (slow); obviously each one alters the speed of the display as it moves from right to left.

A fast update of the display is handy while running at cruising speeds. While trolling or drifting you may want to use the slower speed. Keep in mind that since there is no paper to use up, you don't have to be stingy and run on the slow mode all the time. I've found that the medium speed is usually the best for my fishing.

The sweep of the display will change as the bottom depth scale is changed. It takes longer for a signal to bounce back in 400 feet of water than it does in 40 feet, so the speed of the display will slow down in deeper water.

The (start/stop) button is handy to momentarily freeze the reading so you can examine the fish reading or the bottom structure. The "stop" feature is operated by pressing the button once; to resume the readings, push the button a second time.

Push the (color bar) button to display a sample of the eight colors the CVR uses to mark fish, in the order of their intensity.

Surface clutter is eliminated by dialing the STC knob. It stands for Surface Time Control and will clear up surface disturbances. According to Humminbird it reduces or eliminates the surface clutter without decreasing the strength or sensitivity of the lower readings. However, if the STC knob is turned up too far, the bottom readings of fish can be reduced to the point where they will be very hard to read.

I've found the CVR works best with minimal use of the STC control. While bluefishing recently in 75 feet of water, the fish were marked at 30 to 50 feet down. I used only enough STC control to slightly clear up the surface clutter that infringed into the markings of the fish.

Just like using a graph recorder, it will take a few trips to get the hang of using a colorscope. The sensitivity control is the primary control. If the bottom lines are not deep black, turn the control up. With too much sensitivity, the marks of fish are not clear and the display readings look muddy,

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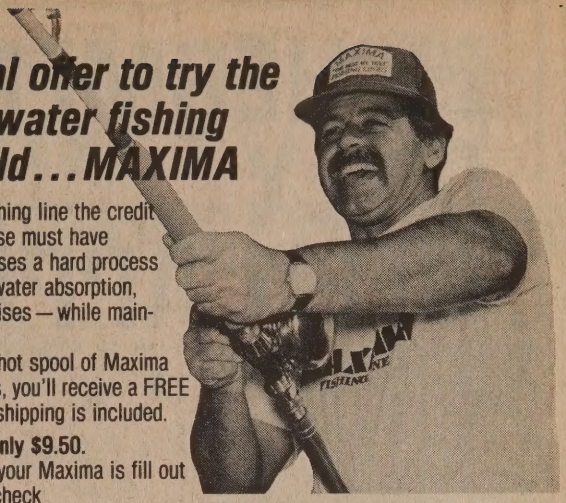

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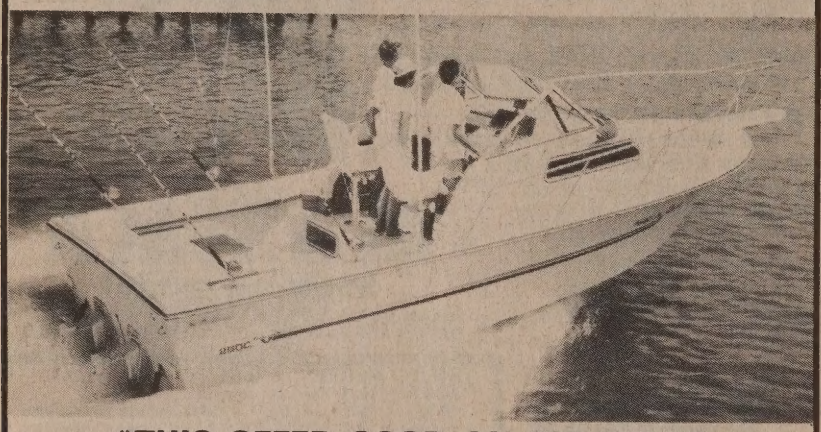

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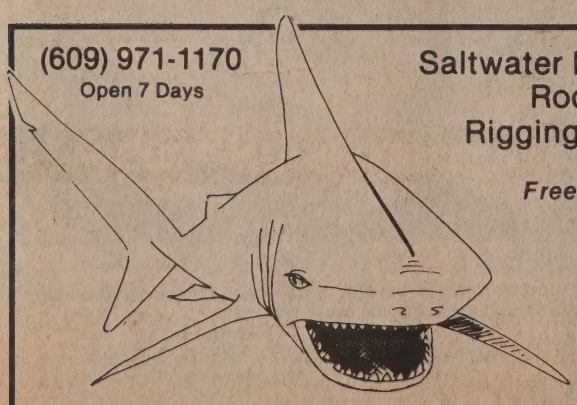

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There are additional controls under a small panel directly below the *Power* and *Sensitivity* knobs. The (noise/reject) switch eliminates electrical interference. It also changes the pulse length. In shallow water you may want to keep the noise reject to a minimum, but increase the setting to lengthen the pulse for deep water fishing.

The white line control is similar to a white line feature for a graph recorder. Turn it on or off and use the knob to the right of the switch to tune the power of the white line control.

Another scale allows you to change from feet to fathoms or meters. An accessory switch allows the cassette recorder to be plugged in to save the display for future playback.

Just like your TV at home, there are controls for focus, screen brightness and vertical hold. These have been preset at the factory and should not be used by the angler. A service man might need the controls for adjustment, but for daily fishing, it's best to forget about them.

The CVR displays fish cleanly and one advantage I liked was the way it marked pods of baitfish. While not quite as clear as a graph recorder, in the sense that a paper graph is stark black and white, I had no difficulty reading bluefish and schools of sand eels. I expect similar results as the season progresses and I find weaks, bass and tunas.

The display does lose intensity in direct sunlight. Mounting the CVR in a dark radio box or even in a cabin would give the best readings. A hood is sold as an accessory. I had very good readings in all but direct sunlight as you find at the end of the day when the sun is low in the sky and directly beamed at the display screen.

The Humminbird CVR is available in two models: the CVR 200 with a frequency of 200 KHz for shallow water and the CVR 50 for very deep water. The CVR 200 is supposed to be capable of reading bottom to 1000 feet; the CVR 50 to 2000 feet.

Transducers with cone angles of 36, 43 and 16 degrees are available for the CVR 50, and angles of 16 and 32 degrees are available in bronze or plastic for the CVR 200.

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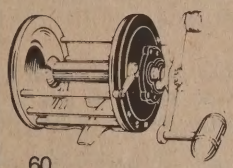

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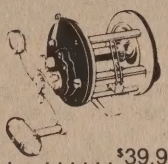

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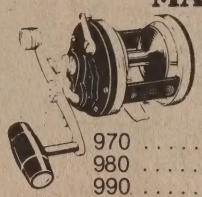

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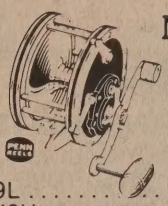

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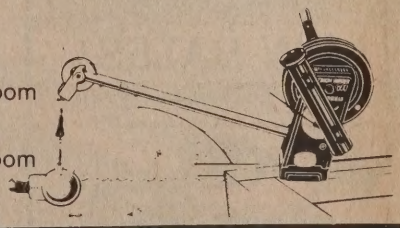

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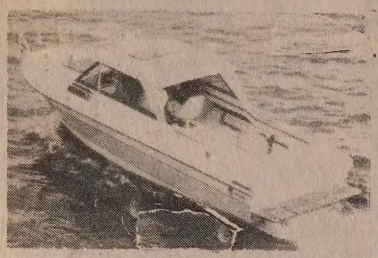

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I've been a subscriber to The Fisherman since it first came out back in the mid-70s and I really like the magazine for its up-to-the-minute fishing reports and informative how-to articles.

This is the first time I've written, but the info I've been getting from your Tackle Doctor column has been of great help to me and now I have a question that needs answering and thought maybe you might have the answer I need.

I dropped one of my Penn Fishing Reels on the street as I was unloading the boat after a fishing trip. The side plate cracked, but did not break completely through and now the reel binds when I try to crank in the line. Is there any way I can have this old reel fixed or is it too far gone to bother with. I don't want to spend a lot of money on the reel because it is about 20 years old and has seen a lot of service. *John Truax.*

Dear John,

The reel is binding because that side plate is not only cracked, but it's probably bent a little and is causing the spool to grab each time it revolves past the bend in the side plate.

I'd have it fixed. Penn is an old line company and has been around longer than most of us who fish today. They have a quality service system and offer quick turnaround on minor repairs from their Philadelphia home offices.

If that reel gave you good service and helped you catch a lot of fish, why in Heaven's name would you want to discard it? I am just a tad superstitious, and when I find a rod, reel or lure that catches, I guard it. Maybe it's because I've had so many rods, reels and lures that did not catch that when I find something that works, I don't want to lose it. Some of the reels we use today were bought way back in the 50s and are still just as good as new. They may not be shiny and bright, but their performance is good and that's what counts.

I'd ship the reel to Penn c/o Penn Fishing Tackle, 3028 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132 with a brief note explaining the problem and requesting the needed repair. It will cost you a few dollars for the repair, but you'll have a reel that works as well as it did the day you bought it.

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Dear Doc,

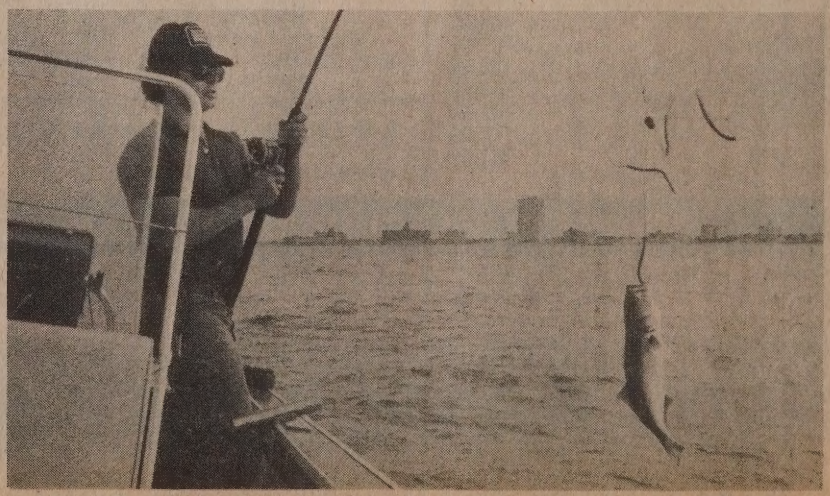
Can you direct me to a dealer or manufacturer who sells 3/0 and 4/0 hooks that have a length of 3½ inches?

I have written to and received catalogs from Mustad and Eagle Claw. They both show nothing in the lengths I would like. I know someone makes them as I've seen them employed on umbrella rigs.

Many thanks for any information you may render. *Ed Windishman.*

Dear Ed,

The hook you are looking for is a Limerick style which is used by most



Limerick style hooks are favored by manufacturers for use with tube lures. The author prefers 6/0 to 10/0 sizes for rigging umbrellas.

fishermen who rig surgical tube lures so they will spin when trolled as teasers or main lures on the Umbrella or Gorilla rigs.

Mustad does show the Limerick in size 3/0 in their catalog. This particular hook is manufactured in size 1/0 through 12/0. It has a bend in the shank so it will cause a lure to spin.

I don't know why you want the smaller hooks. We, too, make our tube rigs and find the smallest size that is practical is a 6/0. In fact, most of our tube rigs are fashioned with 10/0 hooks which are easier to remove from the jaw of a mean-mouthed slammer bluefish.

I suggest you write to Mustad or Eagle Claw and request the Limerick model hook. Try the 3/0 or 4/0 as they may fit your needs, but keep in mind those bigger 10/0 hooks, for they do make removal much easier.

The only time we use the smaller sizes is when attempting to "match the hatch" and sand eels (which the tubes are supposed to imitate) measure four, five or six inches. The smaller size tube can be rigged with 3/0 or 4/0 hooks and they are very effective for taking weaks, blues or striped bass when used as a trolling lure.

If you want to, you can visit some of the tackle shops that cater to saltwater fishermen. Most shops stock the Limerick style hooks or can order them direct from one of the tackle jobbers.

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Dear Doc,

Have you ever heard of anyone getting splinters from an anchor line or ski rope? I hope so, for I don't want to seem the idiot, but I've gotten some sore hands when handling anchor lines and ski tow ropes and really don't know why it is happening to me and not to others who pursue similar water sports. *Jason Green.*

Dear Jason,

I certainly have heard of and seen splinters from ski tow ropes and also from anchor lines. Next time you purchase a new anchor line or tow rope, buy a nylon rather than the polyethylene you are currently using. I know you are using poly, for it is known to become rough and produce splintering after use.

When we first became boaters rather than jetty jocks we, too, bought poly because it was less costly than nylon. After a couple months use we began to notice small bloody spots on our hands each time we handled the dock line or the anchor rope.

Nylon is softer and does not splinter and it will last for years. It may cost slightly more at time of purchase, but the additional cost is made up by the many years of service you will enjoy. I guess the nylon is about twice the price of poly and it is money well spent.

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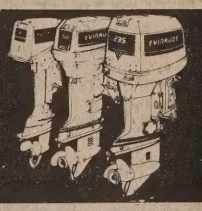

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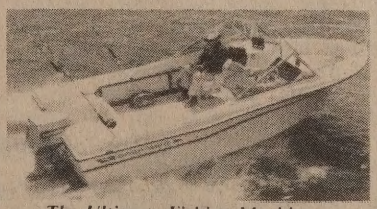

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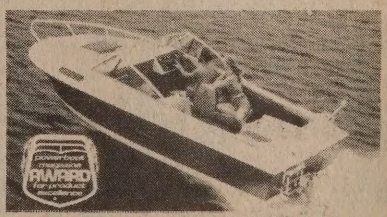

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1985 HARBOR FESTIVAL FISHING RODEO

by Al Ristori

The second running of this extravaganza promises to be even bigger and better than last year's inaugural event.

The Second Annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo kicks off during the last week in June, and it will be a far bigger affair than the first one. Not only do the organizers expect many more inshore and offshore boat entries, but party boat anglers will fish for big prizes at no cost aboard participating boats. And there are so many prizes that the number of winners could total in the hundreds.

Altogether the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo will provide about $50,000 in cash and merchandise prizes, along with such prestigious awards as the Governor's Cup for outstanding catches from both New York and New Jersey—and The Fisherman Magazine Outstanding Angler Trophy. Topping it off will be the grand prize of a trip for two aboard Pan Am to St. Lucia for a Shore and Sail Week at Marigot Bay Resort, including three nights at sea courtesy of The Moorings. The winners should be able to get in some good fishing at the same time.

The Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo is a non-profit affair run by the Harbor Festival Foundation, a creation of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the purpose of attracting attention to the Harbor with a two week program of events leading up to the Fourth of July each year. The Fishing Rodeo was conceived at virtually the last minute in 1984, but it still attracted a couple of thousand anglers, many of whom walked away a lot richer as a result. With more planning time, this year's event will be much bigger.

One big advance is the presence of several sponsors. Mako Marine Boats, Sabre Rods, Rose York Associates and DuPont Quallofil have just been joined by Meister Brau Beer which is specifically sponsoring the Party Boat Division. In addition, many other companies are providing merchandise prizes. Should a profit be recorded, the extra monies will go into marine conservation projects.

The basics of the contest are simple. There are three divisions: Offshore, Inshore and Party Boat. Private and six-man charter boats can

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—OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM—

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Boat Name _____

Length _____

Boat License (document) # _____

Color of Boat _____

Home Port _____

Club Affiliation _____

Please Indicate your category:
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The undersigned states that he has read the Rules for Entry in the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo, is familiar with same, and pledges to abide by them.

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opt to enter either the Offshore ($100 contribution) or Inshore ($30 contribution) Divisions. The Party Boat Division is restricted to open party boats and charters licensed to carry parties of more than six. The contest area extends from Fire Island Inlet to Manasquan Inlet, plus the City Island area. Boats can come from anywhere, but must sail into and out of inlets within the contest area during the course of the event.

The Offshore Division includes six categories: Mako Sharks, Other Sharks, Bigeye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Alabcore and Bluefish. With the exception of mako sharks, each is worth $1000 for first; $500 second and $250 third. The Mako Marine Boats Mako Award consists of $5000 for the winner, $1000 second and $500 third. The Sabre Rods Bigeye and Yellowfin winners will also receive a Sabre 6455 50-130 lb. stand-up big game rod (retail value over $200) in a choice of either Aftco rollers or silicon carbide guides. Then there's the Tycoon/Fin-Nor Lite 50 lb. rod and reel outfit which will go to the boat with the greatest number of winners. Since each boat is restricted to one prize for each species, this will involve getting top three fish in more than one category. Should there be a tie, it will be broken by total weight of the combined winners.

The Inshore Division involves only three species—Bluefish, Fluke and Weakfish. In the case of bluefish and fluke, there will be a fourth through tenth place awards of $100 each in addition to the $1000 first, $500 second and $250 third place prizes. Even rental skiffs can participate in this division.

The Meister Brau Party Boat Division features Bluefish, Fluke, Weakfish, Sea Bass and Blackfish categories. The first two are worth $1000 for first, $500 for second and $250 for third—plus $100 each for fourth through tenth. The weaks, sea bass and blackfish each bring $500 first, $250 second and $100 third. Remember that party boat contestants need not enter the Rodeo this year. Just climb aboard a participating boat during the contest period and you're automatically entered. Look for listings of participating boats here and in newspapers. Those boats will also have Harbor Festival Participating Boat posters on display. If he's not aboard already, urge your favorite skipper to give you a shot at being a winner!

The Meister Brau Party Boat Division starts on Thursday, June 27, while the Inshore and Offshore Divisions begin at 12:01 AM Saturday, June 29. All conclude at 7PM, Sunday, June 30. Weigh-ins may be made at any time during the contest period, provided that the weigh-in stations are open. All weigh-ins must be by boat, except that anglers will be permitted to carry party boat fish to designated weigh-in stations after they have been measured, recorded and tagged by the party boat captain.

The cash prizes are only a part of what's available in the Rodeo. There are also many merchandise awards too numerous to mention, but include Lowrance graph recorders, Penn Jigmasters, Julian gaffs and harpoon, Reliable gaffs, M&M tuna rigs, Bead Chain products, and a VHF from Shane Marine. Shakespeare will provide $500 worth of tackle for the largest bluefish on Sigma line, and Mold Craft will give $500 worth of their lures for the largest billfish. A very valuable prize which we hope no one needs is free towing service that weekend from Sea Tow, which is also providing a coupon discount for seasonal service. Inshore and Offshore bluefish winners will get free mounts by Fish Unlimited—and more prizes are arriving everyday.

Inshore and Offshore Division contestants can enter by filling out the entry form with this article and returning it to the Harbor Festival Foundation or by signing up at one of the weigh-in stations listed—or at any other store or marina carrying entry forms. Remember that it's the boat which is entered, not the individual contestants.

Though the fish must be caught in a sporting manner with rod and reel and entered by the contestant who fought it, the prize goes to whoever put up the money and entered the boat. How the prizes are divided among the crew is up to them. However, the individual angler does receive a certificate and is personally eligible for the trophies: the Governor's Cup for the angler in each state catching the fish closet to the all-tackle IGFA record on a percentage basis, and The Fisherman Outstanding Angler Trophy which will be awarded on the basis of many factors considered by the Rodeo Committee. Last year The Fisherman Trophy went to Joyce Lo Casso for a 190 pound big eye tuna caught on Dick Svoboda's Miss Marion. That was Joyce's first big fish, and she caught it in a driving rain on 50 lb. tackle after a two hour fight.

A limited supply of early entry premiums are available, and you still may be able to get in on them. Offshore boats have been getting the new Jet-Aer G-96 rustproof Mariner Sportsman's Tool II pliers, while Inshore Division Boats have been receiving the G-96 Mariner fillet knife.

All Inshore and Offshore boat entries get a Rose York Quallofil travel pillow courtesy of Rodeo chairman Jesse York, plus a copy of the 1985 Salt Water Sportsman Directory. The entry contribution to the Harbor Festival Foundation is tax-deductible.

Whether you have a million dollar sportfisherman or are restricted to rental skiffs or party boats, there are prizes designed just for you in the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo. Don't miss out on all the fun. Here's hoping I'll be seeing you at the July 24th cocktail party and awards presentation at the World Trade Center!

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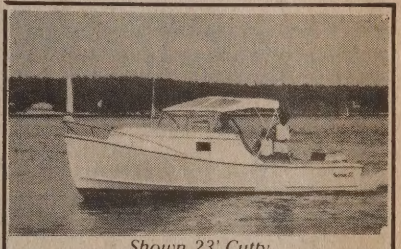

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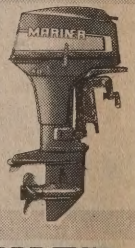

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U.S.S. TURNER

by John Raguso

One of the biggest mysteries of World War II was the short life and untimely death of the Navy Destroyer USS Turner. This "Bristol Class" ship, one of 56 of this series that were built during the war years, weighed in at 1,700 tons and was put together at the Federal Shipbuilding facility in Kearny, New Jersey. Her keel was laid in November of 1942, the hull was launched in February, 1943 and the Turner was fully commissioned on April 15th, 1943. The entire process took only five months from start to finish, obviously due to the wartime urgency, but this is quick even by modern standards!

Her armament consisted of four, five inch guns in single enclosed, rotary mounts, ten, 21 inch torpedo tubes, and an assortment of dual 40mm and single 20mm anti-aircraft cannon. These boats could make some decent headway and her twin screws allowed the Turner to achieve a top speed of about 33 knots. In addition, the normal wartime complement for Bristol-class destroyers was approximately 200 men. The Turner was actually the second ship of that name, the other also being a destroyer and they were both in honor of Captain Daniel Turner of New York, a hero of the War of 1812.

Let's go back in time now to the morning of January 3, 1943, a scant nine months after this U.S. warship was drafted into active service.

New York lay asleep under the spell of a chill winter storm. The Destroyer DD 648 slid through the dark, braving wind, rain and sleet and at 3:30AM dropped anchor approximately 6½ miles east of Sandy Hook and 4 miles SE of Rockaway Point in 60 feet of water. She had just returned from a tour of escort duty in the North Atlantic and was to weigh anchor at 0700 hours after receiving her new orders. Many of the crew had just finished morning mess and the Turner's engine room gang puttered around the boilers, preparing for full steam for the 7AM departure. The watch was on deck.

Suddenly and without warning at 0618 hours, a tremendous explosion up forward rattled the destroyer from stem to stern. The engine room quickly filled with smoke, but the well-trained crew stayed alertly at their stations, groping about in the darkness, some choking from the hot, fume-laden air. They kept up enough pressure to work the ship's fire-fighting apparatus, and stood by for orders from the bridge. But none came. The explosion toppled the "tin can's" mast and prevented any communication with either shore-based stations or other ships, even destroying the emergency radio transmitter. At the same time, the detonation killed most of the officers in the ship's main nerve center, as the entire bridge collapsed in a mass of grinding, screaming steel. Sailors were thrown to the deck plates and lay bleeding and in a state of shock. Some lay unconscious. An undetermined number were blown over the side and into the water. The initial blast even tore the forward five inch guns from their mounts. Surviving seamen later told how they watched in awe and disbelief as the cannon turned end over end against the now illuminated sky like toys blown in the wind. Flame gushed suddenly from another gun mount and soared against the night.

The explosion, although not apparent to the surviving crew until the Turner began to list towards the damaged area, tore a tremendous hole in the ship's port side near the bow. It was here that most of the damage was localized, but by good fortune, the majority of the ship's complement had left the forward mess area only a few minutes before.

Strange things happened ashore and far inland at the moment of the concussion. Sleepy householders awakened to hear pictures rattling, chandeliers clinking and doors opening mysteriously by themselves, as if led by some invisible force. Scores of

folks along both the Jersey and Long Island coasts told of a macabre whistling gust of wind sweeping through their homes or apartments. While the befuddled householders tumbled from their beds and turned on their lights ashore, the destroyer's crew continued to remain poised at their stations while attending to stricken buddies, even when the ship's fuel oil flared against the stormy winter sky and laid an imposing patch of sinister red flame upon the tossing waters.

Back at Sandy Hook, the early morning watch at the Fort Hanock coast defense facility saw the colum of flame leap towards the sky and were shaken by the blast. They peered through the wind-whipped rain to locate the source of the disturbance and hastily sounded the general quarters alarm. Lights suddenly flashed on in the barracks as officers and enlisted men fumbled to throw on their gear. They beat a hasty path down to the docks where the night was now filled with the roar of motors springing to life to take on the rescue task at hand. The commander of the Sandy Hook Coast Guard Station computed a course and distance to the burning ship and an 83 foot cutter, a 77 foot patrol boat and assorted other craft pushed out of their anchorage and rounded the hook, making full speed towards the flame track now looming larger on the horizon.

A pilot boat was the first to reach the disaster area and she had taken 39 survivors from the frigid Atlantic. As the Coast Guard boats reached the scene, their searchlights picked up sailors struggling in the sea. One man was even clinging to a bobbing mattress. They noticed that the Turner was listing heavily and they could make out figures outlined against the destroyer's rail. The 83 foot Coast Guard boat pushed her nose into the inferno and pulled up alongside the stricken Navy ship. Her crews tossed lines aboard and the Navy men lashed the craft together to begin the evacuation process. At about 0700 hours, the captain of the cutter ordered the Turner's crew to abandon ship, and the destroyer's crew began a calm, orderly but speedy evacuation onto the Coast Guard boat's deck. Flames illuminated the scene as if it were high noon, thereby making the rescue operation that much easier. Those who could not transfer directly to the cutter jumped into openings in the burning water, where the other rescue craft darted in swiftly to pluck them out. One seaman even stopped to gather the ship's mascot, a skinny little terrier, into his arms. The last man off the destroyer, chief machinist's mate Rene Pincetl, made one last search for possible survivors, but it was apparent that all who were alive were already off.

The timing of the rescue bordered on the miraculous. Only minutes after the "abandon ship" order was fulfilled and as the cutter and other rescue craft were backing or turning away from the cauldron, the destroyer experienced a second, more devastating explosion, as the fire finally touched off her magazine. The blast echoed and rumbled across the open water, drowning out the noise of wind-tossed snow and rain. On the decks of nearby craft men were blown from their feet and some even lost their coats in the incredible rush of wind that followed the concussion. The destroyer seemed to break amidship, rolled over to starboard, and slid into the sea. The surrounding waters bore great pools of flame for a few brief minutes, but the seas closed over them and the ocean went dark.

Only forty-seven minutes had elapsed from the first explosion to the second which caused the Turner to disappear beneath the waves to her final resting place. However, in this short time, the Coast Guard was able to muster up its boat crews, prepare and launch all rescue craft, navigate 7 miles through a raging winter storm and finally rescue 161 enlisted men and 2 officers under inclement and hazardous conditions, all without a single casualty to its own complement! That's some fancy bit of life saving work and shows the true value of this branch of the service which is often taken for granted.

This operation saw one of the first practical flights of Igor Sikorsky's "whirligig" invention— the helicopter. Adverse weather conditions had grounded all fixed wing aircraft, but when blood plasma was needed for the Turner's survivors, a chopper from Floyd Bennett Field braved the elements and limited visibility and stopped off at the Battery to pick up the medical supplies on the way to Sandy Hook. The entire flight was made in 14 minutes and it would have taken hours by more conventional transportation.

An eyewitness account of the Turner's last minutes was provided by a New York Times interview with the last man off the destroyer, chief Rene Pincetl of San Diego. He went on to say, "I was lighting off the boiler and getting ready to set off at 6:10AM. I just got through finishing putting the number 4 boiler on the main steam line when the explosion went off. All communications went out and I couldn't reach the bridge. The engine room filled with smoke from coming down. There were six men in the engine room.

"A Coast Guard ship tied up astern of us. A lieutenant commander on the Coast Guard ship pulled up alongside and ordered us to abandon ship. I tripped the generator and stepped off. She was listing badly to starboard. The next explosion split her in two. That's when she busted up—after 7. At 0712 she went down.

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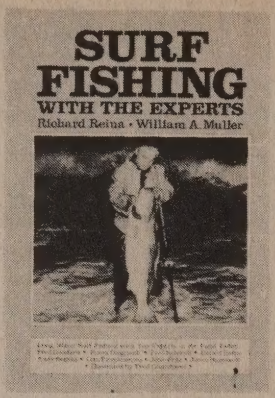

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ally listed as due to "defective ammunition," but this could have been wartime subterfuge. Since the ship was on active duty for less than 9 months before its demise, this explanation doesn't hold much water. Other, more popular (and sensational) theories could be attributed to U-Boat activity in the vicinity or sabotage. The Germans had sunk literally dozens of ships in this area since the war began and the heavy weather that existed on the morning of January 3, 1944 could have provided ample cover for a sub to sneak in undetected and either slip a torpedo or a well-placed round from her deck gun into the anchored, unsuspecting tin can.

A final death toll was not disclosed by the Department of the Navy, as it was not their practice to list those killed or the ship's complement in accordance with the usual wartime restrictions. However, if you figure that the normal wartime crew was about 200 men, and it was made public that 163 of the Turner's crew were rescued, it is logical to presume that about 37 to 40 seamen perished in this blast. Included in the list as "missing in action" was the captain of the Turner, Commander Henry Wygant, Jr.

Unknown to many who were involved in this operation, the explosions did not end when the destroyer went down. From hundreds of documented sources along the New Jersey and Long Island seaboard came the report of a final—and apparently the worst—blast at just before 8AM. This occurred underwater while the Turner rested on the bottom in 59 feet of water. Residents from Staten Island, just a few miles to the west, reported that it was shaken its entire length of 15 miles and breadth of 7 miles. Over 200 windows were shattered and many houses in the Rockaways and the Jersey Shore were also rattled. It seems the old girl still had a little fight in her before she was through.

From a fish-catching perspective, the Turner is certainly within easy striking distance for many New York and New Jersey anglers. Since it's a relatively inshore wreck, ling, blackfish, sea bass, porgies, and small blues are all plentiful during their respective seasons. In my travelings to the Turner's neighborhood, I've also run into numerous schools of green bonito, false albacore and weakfish, as they roam the bait-rich Ambrose channel area in search of a tasty meal.

The insert box contains all the data you'll need to locate the Turner, but be aware that this location experiences heavy commercial shipping traffic.

Next week we're going to slide on down the Jersey Coast a bit to visit the remnants of a small Chilean Freighter that fell victim to a U-Boat's deadly cargo in the Spring of 1942. She rests in 15 fathoms of water halfway between Manasquan and Barnegat Inlets—and her name is the Tolten.

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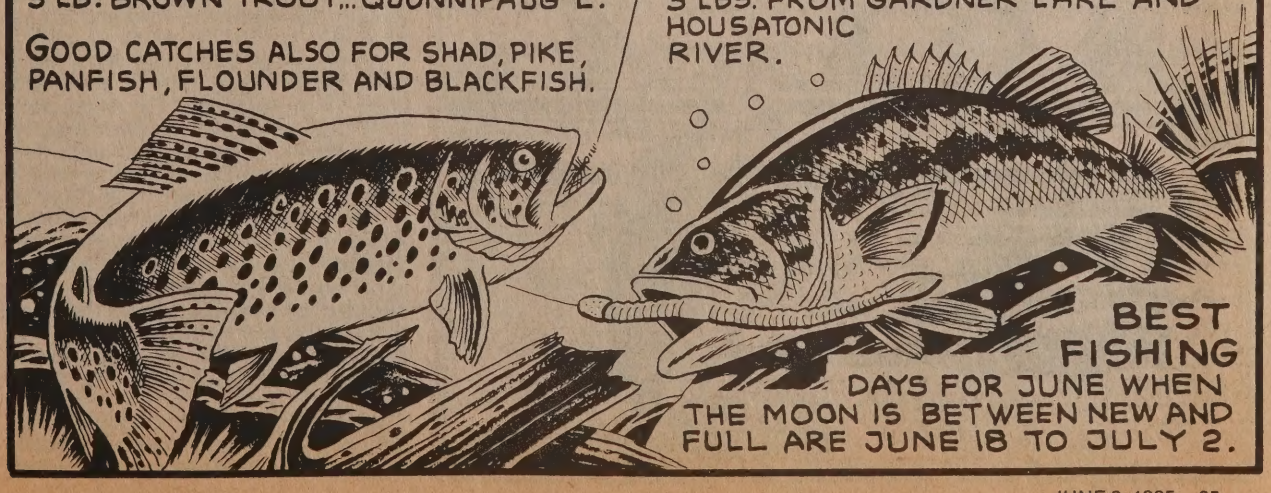

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BASS BOATS: LONG ISLAND STYLE

by Angelo Peluso

The unique nature of Long Island's bassin' waters has led to the development of a special breed of bass boat.

Being successful at Long Island bass fishing means being able to effectively get to where the fish are. Without question, the best way to accomplish this is from a boat. Standard canoes and johnboats are excellent, but the Long Island Bass Boat is a far better alternative. This segment deals with the modifications that can be made to the standard aluminum boat to increase its bass fishing efficiency.

The recent past has seen a tremendous increase in the number of freshwater fishermen who specialty has become the pursuit of the black basses, both the largemouth and the smallmouth. Along with this interest have come phenomenal technical innovations in the type of equipment used to catch bass. Sophisticated tackle has become, to many, an almost inescapable necessity. The bass fisherman's mode of transportation, his boat, has likewise become a thing of sophistication. These super boats are usually 15 to 17 feet in length and have power plants around the 100 hp mark. A point to bear in mind is that many of these powerful machines developed out of necessity. The exceptionally large lakes and man-made reservoirs of the south and southwest require that boats be able to cover large expanses of water in a relatively short period of time. The sheer power and speed of this breed of boat are only two of the modern characteristics. There has also been the addition of much electronic gadgetry, making these super boats floating technical wonders. The modern bass boat, when not chasing bass, is fully capable of chasing submarines.

Remember, though, this type of craft developed where there was a definite need present. This does not mean that each and every bass fisherman must own one in order to catch bass. Though these boats are used extensively by bassmen all across the country, there are places where they just aren't practical; Long Island is one such place. For this reason, a new breed of "bass boat" has been developed: the customized johnboat.

I was first introduced to the johnboat innovations by members of the Long Island Bassmasters. The membership of this organization being avid participants in the sport of bass fishing on Long Island, found it advantageous to modify the standard johnboat to meet the requirements made necessary by Long Island's freshwater lakes and ponds. The end product of their modifications is an extremely practical and efficient bass boat capable of handling many diverse fishing conditions.

The basic shell chosen most frequently for conversion is an aluminum johnboat in either the 10 or 12 foot size. Some individuals lean toward the 14 footers, but the smallness of Long Island's waters makes the 10s and 12s more than adequate. An addition which almost always takes immediate priority is that of installing polypropylene plastic swivel seats. These seats offer a degree of comfort and practicality that is well worth the time and money spent on installation. Prior to actual installation, many bassmen prefer removing the center beach seat (if the boat has one) to give some additional space. The increased fishing area will be appreciated when mobility between the fore and aft is required.

A number of techniques have been devised for mounting the swivel seats. If the boat is to be car-topped, it is not advisable to permanently mount the seats. The ideal setup for the car-topping crowd is one which utilizes removable seats. If the boat is to be trailered, a more permanent assembly will do fine. One of the greatest advantages of swivel seats is experienced when casting. The seat elevates the fisherman above the level of the water and allows for greater rod control. The seats are also much easier on the back than the stock benches.

A second important modification to the Long Island Bass Boat is the addition of a deck. This can be constructed

of 3/4 inch plywood cut to fit the bow section. With the application of a coat of varnish, the deck is made impervious to moisture. The deck's most useful purpose is to support bow mount brackets for an electric motor. Additionally, it can also function as the support for a mechanical anchoring device.

Small water bass boats use small water power plants; namely, the electric motor. Originally designed to be used for trolling, these motors have become the primary source of mobility for the Long Island bass fisherman. No one will ever break a water speed record with one, but the need for a power supply is satisfied by them. Aside from the fact that gasoline motors indirectly forces one to fish an area much more thoroughly, the temptation to scoot from one of the lake to the other is diminished.

As far as mounting the motor, it is the preference of many to place it in a bow mounted position. This location provides for easier operation of the motor. It should also be noted that many electrics allow the motor assembly to be rotated 180 degrees so that the "tractoring" effects of bow mounting can be achieved. I have found that this method substantially increases maneuverability. While on the subject of motors, we cannot neglect to mention the need for a battery. The only word of advice here is to obtain the best that you can afford, and this usually means a marine battery. Remember, on Long Island waters you will be using your electric motor very frequently.

These changes to the basic johnboat are ones that most often receive top priority from the Long Island bass fisherman. There are also a number of other additions that have proved useful when fishing Long Island waters. One such change is the addition of some fort of outdoor carpeting to the floor of the boat. Being aluminum, the boat becomes a floating resonator for all noises created within it. The dropping of a plug or the clanking of a net handle are all that will be needed to send a cautious bass running for cover. The carpeting has the qualities necessary to muffle many of these harmful noises.

Every bass fisherman has a tendency to carry upwards of two and three fishing rods—some carry as many as six. The Long Island bass fisherman is no exception. With all of the other equipment that a fisherman carries, it is advisable to add rod holders to the boat. Aside from getting the rods that are not being used out of the way, the holders allow the rods to be placed in a location that reduces the chance of them being damaged.

Well, that's about it for boat modifications. Though we all at times look toward the big super boats, and down deep wish we were at the controls, it might be wise to remember that sometimes good things come in small packages—at least for the Long Island bass fisherman they do.

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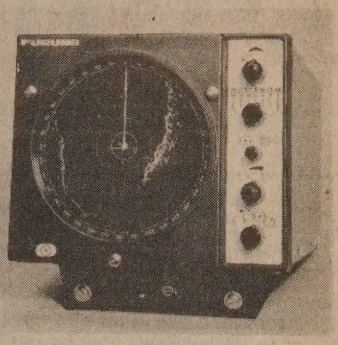

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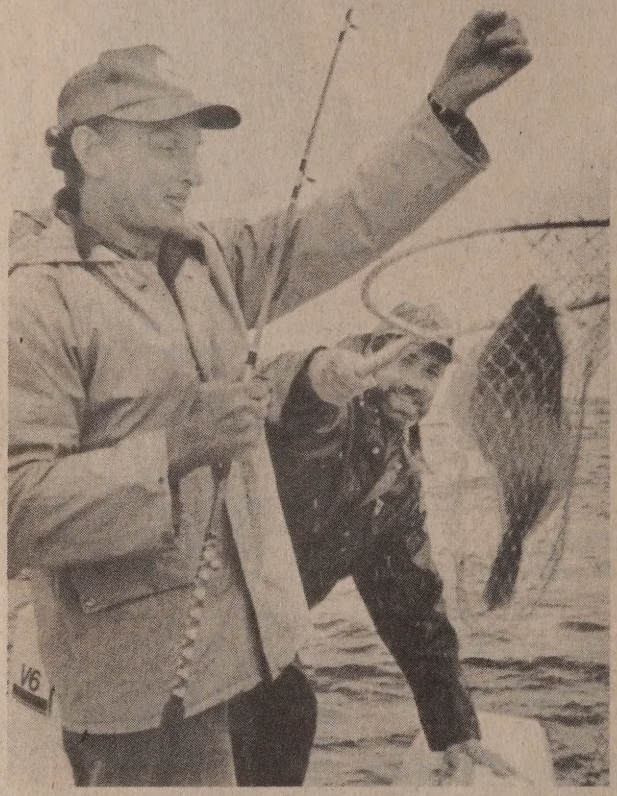

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A TIME FOR ROSES & FLUKE

by Matt Ahern

Many sinker bouncers are discovering that the month of June is now prime time for summer flounder.

July and August. These were the months for fluke. It mattered not where one fished, July and August produced fluke in abundance. But that was when I was young and eager and touched with dreams.

That has all changed now, including the youth, the eagerness, and the dreams, for the fluke who filled those dreams have changed their habits. I don't know why, nor would I attempt to come up with an answer. I can only say that fluke are no longer abundant in July and August as they once were so many years ago. It is now June, the month of roses, which produces best for those fishermen steeped in the ways of fluke.

It is an established fact that fluke go anywhere in search of food. I've caught them in one foot depths and I've caught them in the 100 foot depths of 17 Fathom Bank off New Jersey. They've got to satisfy that ever present hunger. By July they will have set up housekeeping in choice areas, but it is June when the vanguards of fluke roam the bays and creeks and search among the inshore ocean areas before taking up residence in choice spots.

All of which makes it easy for the June fluke fisherman.

And to make it easier still, I'll tell you what my fluke fishing gear consists of. I use a medium-weight spinning rod and matching reel filled with 150 yards of 15 lb. test monofilament. For ocean fishing, I use a medium weight boat rod and conventional reel filled with 150 yards of 20 lb. test mono. My rigging choice is simple and, I think, to the point and it's one I've been using for years and years. I would never change no matter what the inducement, for I have caught thousands of fluke with it. As my buddy Artie Leidecker says: "If it works, don't change it."

My rigging is just an ordinary three foot leader of 20 lb. test leader material to which is snelled a 4/0 regular shanked Sproat hook (style 3366). When placed two inches above a suitable bank sinker, with or without a three way swivel (which I don't use), this fluke rig, as unassuming as it is, has produced fluke for me for almost 60 years. Yes, sir, if it works, don't change it.

A word about this all important fluke leader. I'm not too keen on those presnelled two foot jobs offered to fishermen. A leader is used to impart action to the bait, not to hold it away from the main line, as so many fishermen believe.

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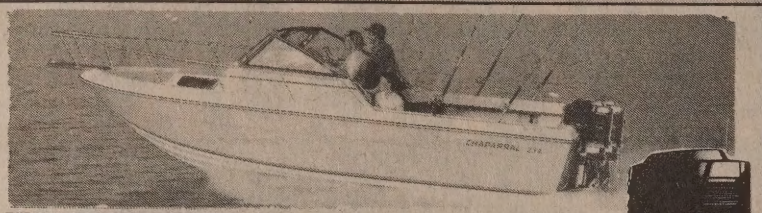

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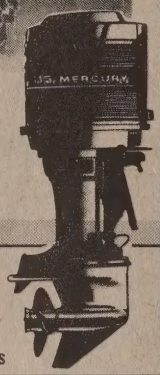

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From here I can hear you say: that's all well and good, Matt, but I don't know how to snell hooks. Shame on you! That's easily taken care of, though, and I'll tell you how at the end of this article.

I never use fluke spinners. I know many fishermen who do and they catch fish. But I'm convinced they would catch more if they kept those flashers in the tackle box. In my opinion, anything that detracts from the bait's natural action is excess baggage and will cost you fluke. If there's any "secret" to successful fluke fishing it has to be that: proper bait presentation. Learn to do that and you've got it made.

As mentioned, I prefer Sproat hooks for fluke, even though most fishermen use 3/0 to 5/0 long shanked Carlisle or Kirby hooks. I use these occasionally when wreck fishing in early fall and expecting doormat fluke, but that's the only time. I find that the lighter Sproat allows more bait action, especially when using live killies. (See—right back to bait presentation.) The killie is able to swim about with the lightweight Sproat, but is often anchored with a heavier hook.

Most fluke fishing is done by drifting to the fish instead of waiting for them to come to you. A slow drift and moderately fast jigs produce more fish; but this is something over which we fishermen have little control. It isn't necessary to jig high: just keep that bait hopping in short spurts. When at anchor, or during slack water periods, better results are obtained when the bait is jigged as much as three feet off bottom.

If the rate of drift is fast and you're having difficulty catching fish, try this: cast as far as possible in the direction the boat is moving. When the sinker hits bottom, begin jigging and reeling in the slack. You'll quickly learn the reel speed needed to do this. There is something about presenting a bait this way which is irresistible to fluke. Of course if you're fishing aboard a party boat, this method is out because of casting restrictions.

For these June fluke I find live killies best. This is the choice bait. Select a lively, light green killie about two inches long. I stress light green because these have always produced more fluke than those of a darker hue. Incidentally, if all your killies are dark, just place them in a white plastic bucket and let them swim around for awhile. They'll change to a light shade. (If you want red killies, although I don't know why you should, let them swim around inside a red bucket for an hour or so.)

Killies are hooked through both lips or in the mouth and out the gill cover. I always use the latter method. When using the lighter, thinner Sproat this can easily be done without injury to the killie; another plus for these hooks. I like this way best because if a fluke seizes a lip-hooked killie it is easily wrenched from the hook. By running the hook through the mouth

and out the gill cover, the fluke must engulf the entire bait first. One thing of importance here. If you find your killie bitten in half, don't blame it on fluke as so many fishermen do. Nine out of ten times this is telling you you aren't jigging enough. Don't feed the crabs! Keep that bait moving! When you do, you'll find your catch on the rise, with fewer "short-bitten" killies to annoy you.

Never hook a killie through the back. This applies whether you are drifting, trolling, or still fishing. You'll only succeed in twisting and snarling the line, swivel or no swivel. Besides, no self-respecting fluke would ever approach a killie spinning through the water like a whirling Dervish, or a striken bait lying on its side with a hook through its back. (Again, we're back to proper presentation.)

So—what do you do if you don't have killies? Use strip bait. Strips of sea robin tail, a half inch wide and three inches long are good. Freshly caught spearing or sand eel often work well, especially around inlets. Squid will produce, too, though I've never been keen about this bait—but this is probably a throwback to my old fishing days when squid was rarely, if ever, used for fluke. While a two inch killie may be ideal, fish strips similar to squid should be cut into four or five inch pennant-shaped slices. When using these baits, give fluke a chance to get them down. Don't be in a hurry. When your fluke has the bait in its gullet, you'll know it.

There are times when fishermen can't drift or troll. This is when still fishing should be given some thought. Select a spot on the flats, preferably near a channel. Failing this, try the downtide end of a sand bar. Killies will work best here.

Cast around the boat, jigging and reeling your bait along the bottom. Don't spend too much time in an area. Fluke must be **hunted**. They have choice feeding areas in each locality, and it's up to you to find them.

When still fishing, a chum pot filled with bunker chum is a big help most times (if you find it drawing toadfish and sea robins, haul it in). When using one, don't cast too far from the boat. The closer you fish to the pot, the better will be the results. Jiggle it from time to time to disperse the goo into the current. Don't lose patience when using a bunker-filled chum pot—catch one fluke and more will follow.

Earlier in this article, I spoke about hook snelling. If you want to learn how to do this send a **stamped** self-addressed #10 envelope (4x9) to my home: 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, NY 11946. (Not to the office.) I'll send you a free copy of DuPont's 36-page booklet on knots. I offered these a few months ago and still have some left. Don't delay: the supply is limited right now (they go like hot cakes!).

Oh, yes, one more thing about fluke fishing: Don't forget a net—you'll need it in June!

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THE SAGTIKOS CONNECTION

by John Fritz

Long Island surfmen enjoy the best of both shores thanks to this vital link.

Surfcasters, living on Long Island, are fortunate in that when adverse winds make fishing impossible on one coastline, they can journey in the opposite direction and find a lee shore. Hard-working surfmen, such as those inclined to fish through the night, are twice blessed, for with the tides being approximately 4 hours apart, they are able to fish "prime time" on either the north or south shore in the same night. Nowhere on the Island can this practice be followed more readily than at either end of the Sagtikos Parkway.

In actuality, the Sagtikos is only the connecting link between the Sunken Meadow and Robert Moses Parkways. The very name of each terminating highway should be instantly recognized as a State Park. Not just any State Park, but ones which provide ample opportunities for beachbound fishermen to catch fish throughout the long season.

From the early season pursuit of striped bass and weakfish to the hectic autumn chase of teen-sized bluefish, these two locations are available to any angler in possession of a L.I.S. Parks Commission issued fishing permit. This permit, now costing $10, allows the fisherman to park in certain parking facilities after sunset throughout the season and entrance to Robert Moses Field #4 for a three-month period during the fall run. Beach buggies are not permitted at Sunken Meadow and are limited to the use of a mile or so of oceanfront at Democrat Point. Therefore, all anglers are restricted only by their own determination and endurance.

While it is conceivable to fish both the oceanfront and the Sound shoreline in one night anywhere on Long Island, the link between Sunken Meadow and Robert Moses provides a non-stop highway to both shores, a trip completed within a half hour. Since certain tides are desired when fishing specific locations, it is sometimes possible to arrange an itinerary designed to take advantage of the best of both shores.

In June, for instance, school bass, weakfish and small blues are eagerly sought by surfmen lining the beach at Sunken Meadow. During the same period, larger bass and weakfish are a distinct possibility along the banks of Fire Island Inlet. The top of the tide, at sunset, is considered ideal at Sunken Meadow. It not only affords anglers, uneasy with fishing after dark, the chance to share in the action, but those intending to fish the night through will have a full range of productive tides. There is a relatively steep incline, between the high and low water points, at Sunken Meadow, from the low water mark seaward the slope is much more gradual. This configuration provides the predator with ample water at times of high tide to boldly pursue prey to the water's edge. As the tide recedes the depth decreases and the game fish tend to move further off the beach. When the tide has nearly bottomed out, it is possible to wade onto the flats and follow the fish, as they withdraw to deeper water. At half tide this is not possible because of a slight trough that must be crossed before gaining the flats, therefore on occasion, there is a period where an angler is unable to reach the fish.

Just about this time the current has changed at Fire Island Inlet, now flowing seaward, the time when most angler prefer to fish its waters. The 2½ hour lag at the inlet, between time of high water and the current's reversal provides the margin whereby the most opportune tidal stages can be covered on both shores.

In the opening paragraphs I mentioned Robert Moses State Park as the location to fish at the southern terminus of our inter-shore parkway. In actuality, the angler desiring to fish Fire Island Inlet has a choice of three state parks from which to choose. The backside of Robert Moses, from the Commissioner's House westward to

the breakwater, with particular emphasis given to the remains of the Construction Dock, is the most popular area to seek game fish at this time of the season. In addition, an angler can also work the Captree Flats. This is generally considered to comprise the shoreline from the inlet fishing pier, west to the bridge and maybe a little beyond. Finally the inlet's edge from the Sore Thumb to the tip of the new sand bar, opposite Cedar Beach, is accessible to operators of a beach buggy with a State Permit, as is Democrat Point, but now I'm getting too far afield of the original intent of this article.

In the past it was possible for an angler to leisurely plug the entire northern rim of Robert Moses, from the Commissioner's House to the eastern end of the breakwater, unimpeded except for the area immediately adjacent to the Construction Dock. The severe erosion along this shore has forced the state to dump rubble and to construct wire baskets filled with rock, in an effort to prevent further loss. There are still stretches of sandy beach and the Construction Dock, although altered, remains a prime attraction for fish and fishermen alike. Even though this is an area which is given a great deal of attention by regulars working the inlet, knowledgeable surfmen will move about, if results are not forthcoming in a reasonable amount of time. The cove, west of the Commissioner's House, or the bowl, at the extreme western limit of this section of beach, nestled alongside the breakwater's easterly tip, are but two additional locations which have produced fish.

For such activities the absence of wind, with the possible exception of moderate southerly breezes, are favored. At such times, bug spray is as essential as a rod and reel. Several brands of repellents counteracts the attacks of the south shore mosquitoes, but Avon's Skin-So-Soft is the only deterrent to those pesky north shore gnats. It is virtually impossible to work a slow moving plug properly while these pests are crawling in and out of your nose and ears. Skin-So-Soft may make you smell kissable, but there is something in its makeup that turns off gnats.

Even though some fish attain hefty proportions, the preferred tackle consists of rod and reel capable of casting 5 inch minnow-shaped, swimming plugs a meaningful distance. Good quality line, testing at about 12 pounds, will give the angler a reasonable chance of success without radically restricting casting distance, even when fighting a good fish in the swift currents of the south shore inlet.

As the tide at Sunken Meadow slowly shifts to an east-west flow, signaling the start of the flood, the eastern sky, almost imperceptibly begins to brighten. A few final casts with a popping plug should produce a fitting finale to a satisfying night of plug casting.

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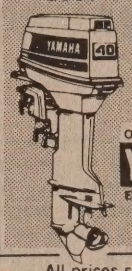

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SHARK LEADERS

—THE VITAL CONNECTION—

by Pete Barrett

The screech of the reel click startled us out of the doldrums, the lull of hot sun and gentle waves suddenly shattered in a shriek of noise. Larry grabbed the rod, shoved the butt into the gimbal belt he was wearing and played the runoff carefully.

A short tug, then another. A long run and the spool became a blur as the shark moved off with the bait. Larry shoved the drag lever forward and when the line came tight lifted the rod with a mighty yank and then another. The rod bent over in a hard, tight curve.

"This is a big one," he said and we could tell it was the truth. The great fish took off in a fury of speed and the drag whirred while Larry groaned with pain and pleasure.

"He's in the air! Look, there he goes again."

Suddenly the rod straightened. Taut muscles pulling against a limp line nearly dumped Larry on the deck as the pressure on the fish evaporated in the blink of an eye.

Moments later the curlicue in the broken wire leader told the tale and another mako gained freedom because of a broken leader.

If there is any one thing that loses more sharks, especially makos, it is leader failure. They fly high making wild gyrations and have an uncanny knack for wrapping pectorals, tails or bodies around the leader. All it takes after the wrap is a slight kink in the wire and it's "goodbye fish."

You can have the wrong tackle, the wrong fish fighting techniques, the wrong bait and even the wrong color socks and you still have a good chance of landing a nice sized shark—if the leader doesn't part.

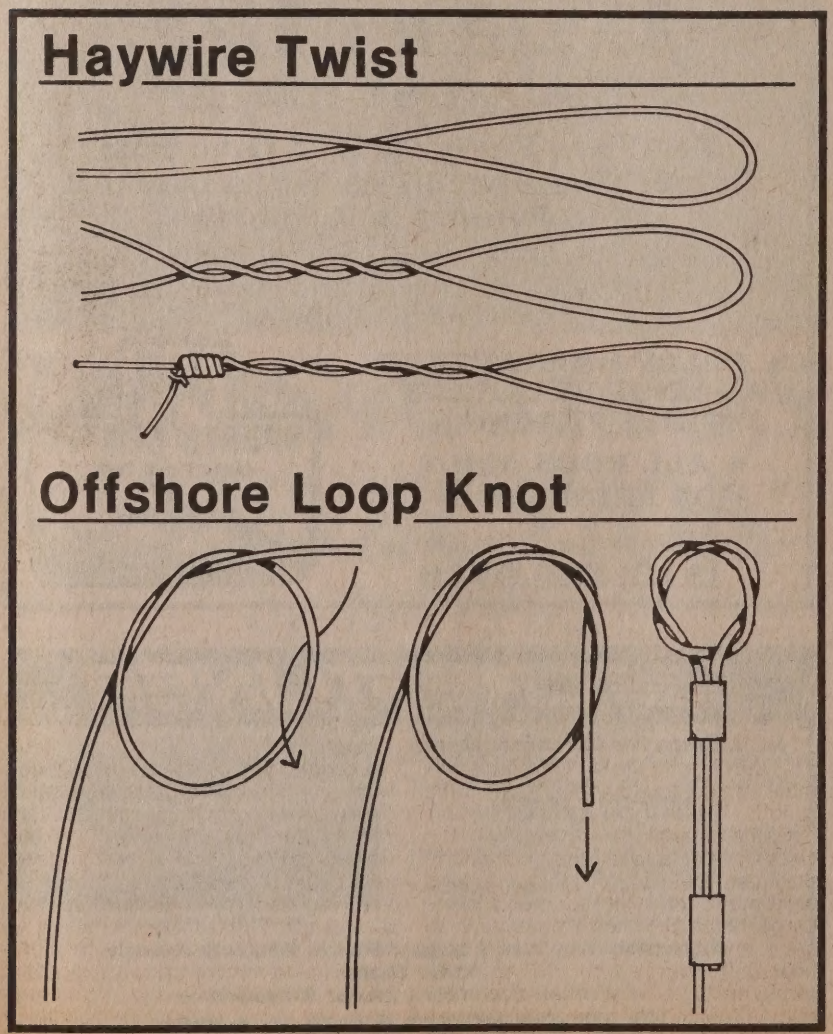
Shark fishermen have developed several variations of leaders to help solve the problem of leader failure. No system will eliminate the loss of sharks 100 percent, but by carefully selecting components and construction methods, you can increase the odds in your favor.

Many sharkers prefer the single strand wire leader. It is sold in coils and is numbered by the size of the wire. Favored sizes are #10 through #14 wire. Often the angler will determine the limit of the size of the wire—size 14 is very tough on fingers when making haywire twists to make loops and join hooks to the leader; #11 and #12 are the most commonly used single strand size used by most sharkers.

Bright, shiny leaders are believed to spook sharks and for this reason dark colored wire is best. The Malin brand calls its dark wire "tobacco stain," while Berkley has no special name for the wire, just coloring it a bronzed, brown color.

Cable is another choice of leader material and is gaining in popularity. It is made up of multi-strands of fine wire and is very flexible. It, too, is best when stained in a dark brown color like the Sevenstrand Duratest. Cable is labeled with both a diameter and a pound test rating, 275 pound test the most often used.

Single strand wire has the advantage of being less visible in the water and it is also very easy to make loops in the leader or to add hooks by using the simple-to-tie Haywire Twist shown in the diagram. Its drawback is



Haywire twist and offshore loop knot are popular among experienced sharkers.

the stiffness of the material and its susceptibility to kinking. Once kinked it dramatically loses its strength; #12 wire can be broken with your bare hands once badly kinked.

Cable leader material is more flexible and can withstand incredible twists and knots before it breaks. However, it is heavier and more visible in the water. It also requires that hooks and loops be added into the leader with a crimping tool and appropriate sized crimps that match the diameter of the cable. Sharkers who prefer cable leaders will usually make up a supply of leaders at home and store them for use while shark fishing.

A special knot called the offshore knot, shown in the accompanying diagram, is used to place a loop at the end of the leader and also to place the hook at the other end. When adding the hook, pass the cable through the eye of the hook before making the wraps around the cable to form the loop.

The length of the leader should be from 10 to 15 feet long. I keep several sizes to cover different situations. The leader not only prevents a shark's teeth from cutting through the line, but also protects the line from abrasion on rough shark skin. Some sharks, like tigers, have very rough hide that can wear through mono line in minutes.

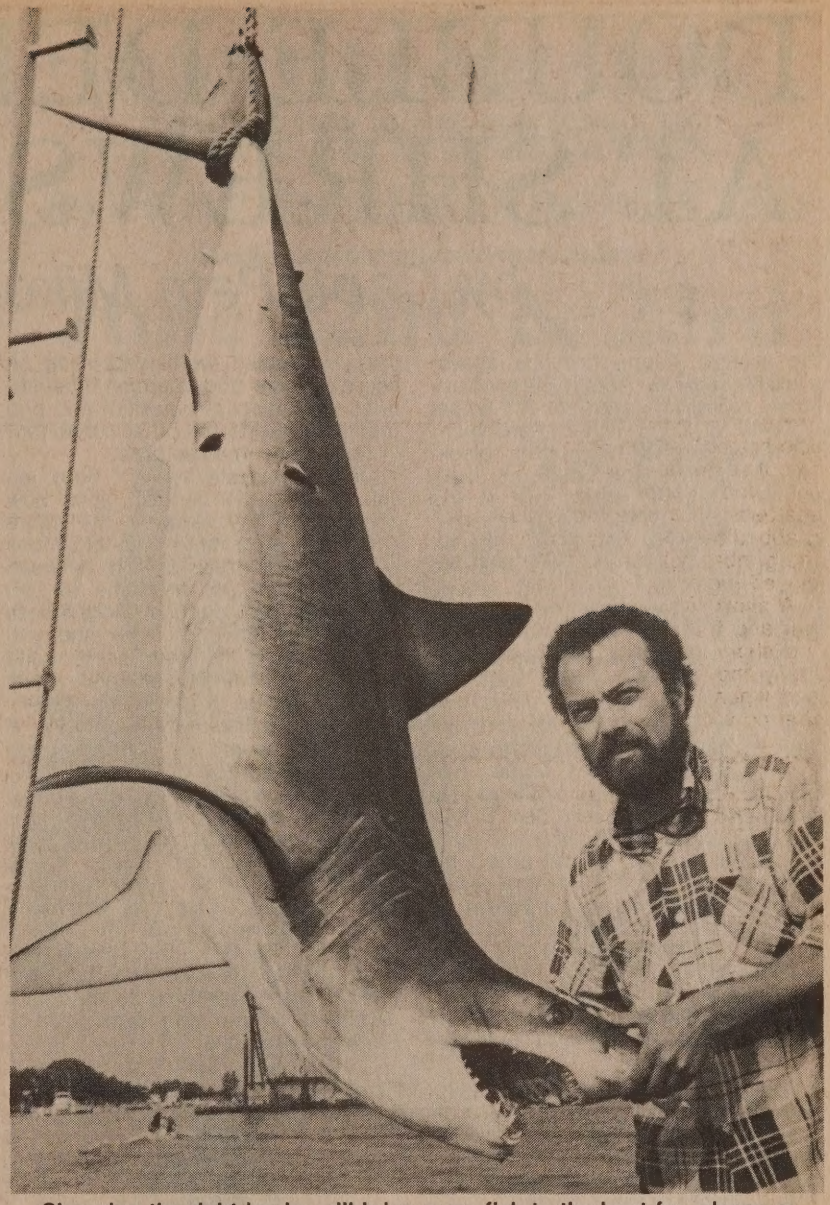
Early in the shark run when the predominant fish are makos, blue sharks, duskies and browns, I'll use 12 foot leaders. Later in the summer when tigers of 13 feet are a possibility I switch to 15 foot long leaders. For small sharks that come right up to the boat and which we can clearly see are baited with shorter 8 to 10 foot leaders fished on light tackle.

Because of the wild twisting jumps of a mako shark, it is all too easy to get a twist in the leader, especially single strand wire, which then causes a kink and loss of the fish. To help prevent this some fishermen place a large snap swivel in the center of the leader. It is assumed that the swivel relieves the twisting on the leader and the swivel also provides a hand-hold when leadering the shark.

Other fishermen feel the swivel is just one more thing to go wrong. It requires two more haywire twists and the two sections can fold up on one another causing the swivel to wrap a half turn around one of the leader sections. When you set the hook the leader will kink and break.

During the last few years I've been averaging 12 to 16 makos a season, an increase from the early years when I would lose 3 to 5 fish a season due to leader failure. I believe my increase in catch is due to the use of cable leaders. There have been a few makos that literally came in tail first after wrapping themselves in the cable after a wild jump. Those few fish would have been lost if I had used single strand wire.

Other shark fishermen may argue that I might have caught even more fish or had more strikes if I had used single strand wire because the wire is less visible. Perhaps cable does spook some sharks, but I'm satisfied with my overall catch and I've only lost one shark to leader failure in three years of using cable.



Choosing the right leader will bring more fish to the boat for release or weigh-in of a trophy catch like this 208 pounder caught by Gary Williams.

The most popular hook style is the Mustad #7699, a hook with the point offset from the shank. This outward projecting point quickly grabs shark meat and gets solid hook-ups after the runoff.

While sharks can grow to huge sizes I prefer smaller hooks believing they penetrate better giving a high percentage of hook-ups to strikes. Large hooks just don't always go in deep enough past the barb. I use hooks that range from 8/0 to 10/0, rarely an 11/0. I fish fillet baits most of the time and the small hooks works very well with this type of bait. Large whole baits may require larger hooks.

Whatever your choice of leader material, it does pay to make up the leaders ahead of time at home. Your hands and fingers are dry, so you can carefully tie strong haywire twists. If you need another leader after boating or releasing a fish it is far faster to use pre-made leaders instead of spending valuable fishing time re-rigging from scratch.

Leaders can be stored in Tupperware containers. Supermarkets sell these containers in a round shape perfect for leaders and they are waterproof so hooks and leaders won't rust or corrode.

If you don't like making up your own leaders there are many tackle shops that sell pre-made factory prepared leaders that work with excellent results. Like the man says, "You pays your money, you takes your choice." Whichever leader you use—good sharking this year.

DOUBLE DELIGHT AT SHREWSBURY

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

The prolific fishing grounds appropriately named the Shrewsbury Rocks, technically, are not the actual property of Long Island fishermen. But if you're after big bulldog blackfish, large sea bass, doormat fluke and big chopper blues, this is the place to fish! I think it's only fair that since the State of New Jersey saw fit to steal the Giants and the Jets, we New Yorkers get even and relieve New Jersey of some of its tasty seafood.

The Shrewsbury Rocks are located almost 12 nautical miles south of Rockaway Inlet, about 6 miles due west of the BA buoy off the northern coast of New Jersey. You won't need Loran to find the rocks either; just look for the "I" buoy situated 2½ miles offshore between Sea Bright and Monmouth Beach. May and June should be labeled "prime time" for blackfish and sea bass at the rocks. Any westender who owns a seaworthy boat capable of making the 12 mile run to the Rocks safely (in good weather) should lay claim to some of that prime New Jersey real estate. This article will concern itself mainly with blackfish and sea bass, but later on in the season, we'll concentrate on doormat fluke and chopper bluefish. First, let's discuss blackfish and and then we'll tackle the other cohabitant in residence—the sea bass.

Once you locate the "I" buoy, all you have to do is keep your bow pointed directly towards the shore and you'll have more than 2½ miles of prime rock-strewn bottom between the buoy and the shoreline to fish over. Just keep your boat more or less in line with the "I" buoy and you should always be over some good bottom. Of course, a good chart recorder makes thing much easier, but it's not absolutely necessary. If you anchor up and you have no action in 10 or 15 minutes, don't waste time. Haul anchor and try another spot. You don't always have to make a big move either, as sometimes you're only 15 or 20 feet away from some prime structure. One trend to keep in mind is that generally, fish will be found closer inshore during the higher stages of the tide, and further offshore during the lower stages of the tide. A little searching is all that's necessary to find your own piece of productive bottom.

The "rocks" are within easy reach of mid-size outboards in the 19 to 22 foot range, provided you pick your weather.

Any sinker bouncer worth his salt considers the words blackfish and rocks synonymous. The diet of a blackfish consists mainly of shellfish and other crustaceans that live or grow around the rocks that blackfish love to inhabit. Blacks are found exclusively around bottom structure, whether that bottom structure is natural or man-made, matters not to the resident tog. Blackfish love to inhabit nooks and crannies because they want to be right on top of their food supply. Consequently, there is no better place for a blackfish to live than among some rock strewn bottom.

Once the water warms up sufficiently enough (usually by the end of May), blackfish go on a feeding binge. Now is THE TIME to load up on blackfish that average 3 to 4 lbs., with a good chance of hauling up a bulldog tog 8 pounds or better. Although blackfish can be found all over the Shrewsbury Rocks, more consistent results will be enjoyed if you fish the inshore portion of the rocks in shallower water 10 to 20 feet deep. As I said before, "Old Chisel Tooth" loves to dine on shellfish, so we want to present them wtih a blue plate special that will lure them out of their safe hiding place, heading straight for our baited hooks.

Fiddler crabs will be the bait most often preferred by the resident blackfish population. Small and medium size blackfish will attack those baits vigorously (as long as they can beat the ever-present bergalls to the punch!). But, if you prefer quality to quantity I'd suggest you try some larger green crabs as bait. Whichever bait you choose, make sure the barb of the hook is left exposed. You'll need all the help you can get trying to penetrate the tough rubbery lips of those stubborn tog.

Speaking of hooks, just mention blackfish to your local tackle dealer and he'll gladly supply you with all the hooks and sinkers you'll need. Just tell him you want a size 5 blackfish hook and you will undoubtedly be given a #5 Virginia style hook which will handle any blackfish that you're liable to run into. Just make sure you have plenty of extra hooks and sinkers aboard, because as you should know by now, if you aren't losing rigs from time to time, the bottom isn't rough enough for blackfish. Bank sinkers are preferred and will range from between 2 and 8 ounces, depending on the depth of the

water and the strength of the current. If the bottom structure allows, use a two hook tandem rig tied to the main line with a simple overhand loop about 3 or 4 inches above a suitable sinker. Another overhand loop is used for your sinker and that's all the terminal tackle you need. Anything else will just help you get caught in the bottom faster. If you're getting hung up too much, switch to a single hook rig.

Two things are important if you want to be able to "hook" blackfish. First you need a fast taper rod with a medium action tip capable of handling your sinkers comfortably. The rod also needs plenty of backbone to horse the fish away from those rocks before he gets a chance to cut you off. The actual length of the rod is up to you. I always feel comfortable with a boat rod that is about 6½ feet long. Any name brand conventional reel will be fine as long as it's capable of holding 150 yds. or more of 20 lb. test premium monofilament. Many expert sinker bouncers are switching to 20 lb. test dacron to take advantage of the better hook setting qualities of the dacron line. "Less **stretch** means more **catch** when blackfishing." Dacron line will also be more abrasion resistant than mono, and may well be worth the extra cost.

Second, and probably more important, is your hooking technique. It's been said many times before, that if you can learn to catch blackfish, all other bottom swellers will be a piece of cake! I agree 100 percent. Now that you're all rigged up and your bait's on the bottom, it should be left there quietly. Don't bounce it up and down like you're flounder fishing. Just leave it there and keep your line tight! Here's a trick that I've found to be most helpful. Keep the line so tight that the tip of your rod flexes under the weight of your sinker. You want to keep your line as taut as a guitar string! You do this so you will be able to feel the slightest tap or nibble immediately. If you master this simple, but very important technique, you'll swear that you can feel that unlucky blackfish breathing on your bait down there! Now, first you will feel a couple of very rapid light taps, very much like that of an over-agressive flounder. This is the part that takes nerves of steel. Now you want a second or two. Once you feel a solid tug, rear back and "cross his eyes." That's when the blackfish passes the bait from his bucktoothed front teeth, to his second set of crusher teeth, back down his throat. This is the instant you must sink the hook. If you're too fast, or too slow, you lose. Once he's hooked, immediately try and turn him away from the rocks, and after a few determined rushes, he's all yours, if your drag was set correctly. If after the first indication of a nibble, 4 or 5 seconds goes by without that strong tug, reel up and check your bait because in all likelihood, you've been done in by a pesky bergall. If you get a chance to sample some of this super blackfishing, I have only one more comment to make. It gets even better in the fall!

Sea bass are the other tenants in residence among the rocks this time of the year. Although I am far from being considered a master sea basser, Capt. Tom Hastings, who runs the charter boat, The Key to The Sea, out of Sheepshead Bay was good enough to share some of his insights with us. Basically, your terminal tackle remains the same. But if you're really fussy you can change to a #5 or 6 beak or claw style hook. You will have more fun if you use a lighter rod and go to 10 or 15 lb. test monofilament. As far as where to fish, try further offshore in water that's at least 50 feet deep. Most of my sea bass fishing has been with soft baits like squid strips and worms. But according to Tom, fiddler crabs believe it or not, have helped him put quite a dent in the Shrewsbury Rocks sea bass population. Usually, when I plan a fishing trip that's a ways from home, I bring along some other types of bait just to play it safe. In the spring it might be worth your while to take along some soft baits like clams, squid, and worms, just in case. This would hold true for blackfish also.

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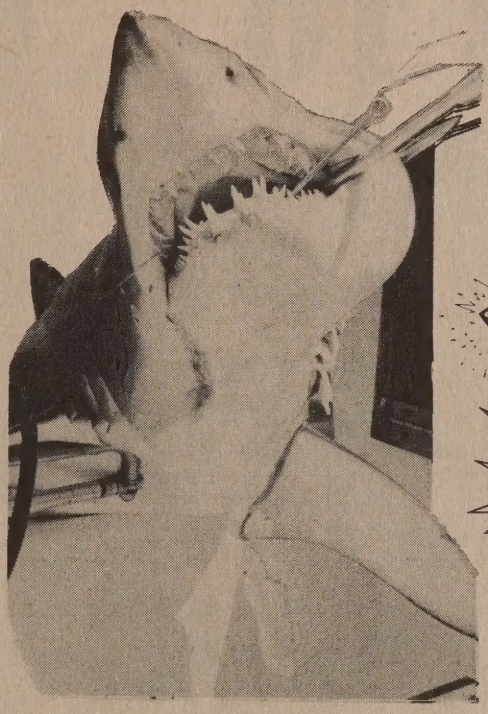

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SHADES OF BLUE

by Ted Keatley

If the fishing gods are with us, the first bluefish run of the year may be under way as this issue reaches readers. The initial schools of the season often show in western Long Island Sound around Memorial Day. In 1982, there were a few days of good fishing off Captains Island at Greenwich in mid-May.

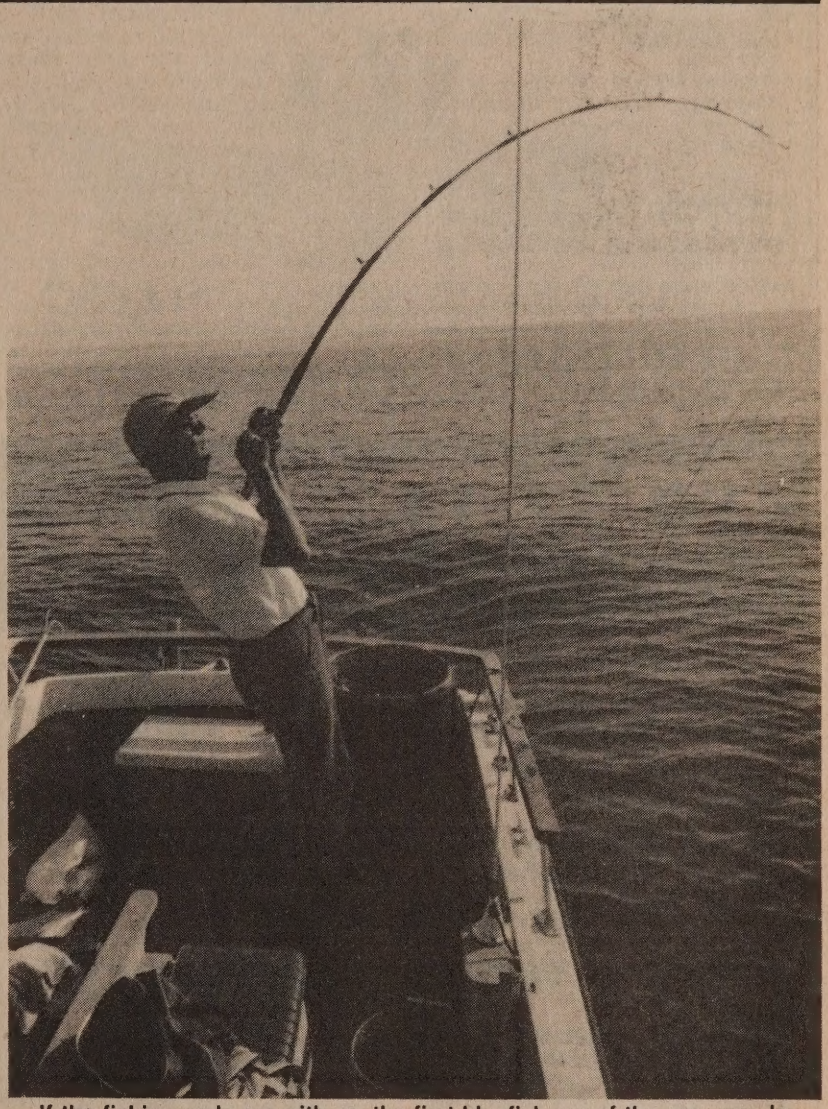
As a rule, the early arrivals are school fish of five pounds or less and have followed the sand eels into the area. I looked back over my records as far as 1979 and found that my earliest bluefish was taken on May 16, 1982. The latest that I put my first fish into the boat was June 28, 1983. Of course, I am not the pioneering type. I tend to stick to blackfishing until the first confirmed reports of blues.

One of the first areas likely to produce is "off of the hospital." This is Kings Park State Hospital which can be seen as a squared off brick building about midway between Lilco's smokestacks at Northport and Cranes Neck. Actually, the whole area from the Lilco towers to Crane's has potential. Although the early fish usually are well offshore, I have found them in the rip at Crane's in mid-June and they often provide good action off Penfield Reef at the west side of Bridgeport. As the season progresses, the small blues tend to concentrate close to shore between the Lilco plant and the Nissequogue River. Another area which often has schools of smaller blues as spring merges into summer is buoy 24 off Cockenoe at the east end of the Norwalk Islands.

Lloyds Neck, Diamond Point, buoy 15, whatever you choose to call the area, was a hotspot for a number of years and produced plenty of school blues and weakfish. However, it has been pretty much of a waste of time for the past two seasons. The large schools of bait which attracted predators to the reef no longer were there.

Further west, you always can count on some early season action somewhere between buoy 32A in mid-Sound off Greenwich Point and Playland at Rye. When I had my boat in Mamaroneck in the 60s and early 70s, the bluefish often appeared by the first week of June around the K racing buoy between buoy 42 off Mamaroneck and Hempstead Harbor. Center Island Reef (buoy 17) just west of Oyster Bay also can be good.

The early bluefishing, like the mackerel fishing, was a disappointment last year. The most likely explanation was that the sand eels were far less plentiful than in prior seasons.



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The commonest bluefishing technique is wire line trolling with an umbrella, a method that can result in a three or four fish hook-up if the school is large. I never was too partial to this type of fishing, but sometimes it is the only game in town. I often compromise and use a coat hanger instead of the four armed umbrella.

One thing I have noted is the fact that a trolled plug normally will produce bigger fish than the tube lures. I recall one morning a few years ago when Burt Carpenter and I were trolling Goo-Goo Eyes 20D plugs among the umbrella draggers off Captains Island and taking 10 to 12 lb. fish while the others were landing rats. When I began fooling with bluefish about 20 years ago, I was primarily a striped bass worm troller and did not have wire line tackle. However, I often did well with a 7 inch sinking Rebel about six feet behind a 6 oz. Bead Chain drail. This seemed adequate to get the monofilament line deep enough to provide action.

Editor Tim Coleman has been trying to convince me that I should install downriggers. However, the narrow gunwales and teak taffrail on

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my 20 foot Shamrock make satisfactory placement a virtual impossibility. In addition, I often fish by myself and simultaneously handling a boat, retrieving the downrigger cable and fighting a fish would be an invitation to a Chinese fire drill.

As an aside, blues normally will strike anything that moves and the "cocktail" blues used to drive me crazy when I drifted jelly worms for weakfish a few years ago. They sometimes converted a dozen 9 inch jelly worms into stubby 4 inch remnants during a single trip. However, they rarely hit sandworms. More than once when I was trolling worms off Mamaroneck's Crab Island, a school of blues would come through and ignore my bait.

Possibilities for these early blues other than wire line trolling include casting lures and drifting fillet strips of mackerel, bunker or some similar bait. I never had much success with squid strips although this would be a lot less trouble than the mess filleting of fish.

Note that I said fillets and not the chunks normally used for bottom fishing. A fillet will flutter as you drift whereas a chunk tends to spin.

A little extra weight usually is preferable. A one half to one ounce sliding egg sinker should be about right.

Casting also can be productive, particularly at dawn and dusk. Many, Rowayton marine dealer Bert Van Sciver for example, have a preference for poppers because they enjoy the explosive surface strike. However, I have found the 5½ inch sinking Rebel to be the most effective lure for me. It also is deadly on weakfish although you have to handle them gently or the hook will tear out of the soft mouth.

Unfortunately, weakfish are at the wrong end of the abundance cycle in our area even though "gray trout" remain plentiful down in the Chesapeake. Here, a weakfish has become an unexpected surprise rather than a species for which you specifically fish.

Even though I suspect that weakfishing will be poor this season, I am going to relate a story to illustrate the necessity for extreme caution if you think that you have a weakfish on the line.

One morning shortly after I had moved my boat to Stamford about 10 years ago, Harry Marvin and I cast off from the dock at dawn into a pea soup fog to chunk for bass around the Stamford Breakwater. We started at Robbins, the opening in the east end, but the crabs and trash fish were having their annual picnic and seemed to think that we had brought the lunch. When half a dozen baits were torn to shreds in a few minutes, it obviously was time to try elsewhere. Unfortunately, my compass was kaput and I was forced to head out to the Cows by guess and by golly and by depth recorder. Surprisingly, I found it immediately.

We anchored and cast out fresh chunks. Since I had a spinning rod

rigged with a 5½ inch sinking Rebel along, I made a cast to kill time and a fish hit almost immediately. A few seconds later, it was gone. I hooked a fish on five out of six casts and lost them all. Before the next cast, I backed the drag off to almost nothing and played the fish carefully when it hit. Before long, a nice weakfish was in the net. A few more fish and the plug no longer brought results. In addition, the bergalls and crabs were giving the chunk baits a mauling. Since the fog was lifting, we decided to look for better action and headed toward boats which were gathering off the west end of the breakwater. When we got there, we could see weakfish finning on the glass smooth surface. I would cast my Rebel just ahead of a slowly moving fish and get a strike virtually every time. Harry did not have a sinking Rebel, so he tried the floating model which did not interest the weakfish. He tried a number of other plugs and jigs from his tackle box with little success. Only the 5½ inch sinking Rebel produced hits and I had no more with me.

We followed the school out toward buoy 32A through water brown with an algae bloom and I continued to have action. Suddenly, we came to a sharp demarcation between the brown water and the normal blue-green. The fish continued on, but once they were in the clear water, all action stopped.

Why did the fish hit the sinking Rebel when they refused to strike the floater? I don't know the attraction of that lure, but Dwight Kaehrle, a fishing buddy of mine, had the best description of it that I ever have heard. "It's a lousy plug. It is hard to throw and fouls the line on every other cast if there is a wind. The hooks tangle, it breaks easily and the action is poor. The only good thing you can say about it is that it catches a lot of fish."

There should be some bunkers in the Sound in June. This is the bait which brings the alligator blues and cow bass into the area. Ten or 15 years ago, I used to expect the initial consistent action with big stripers just before the Fourth of July weekend. I am afraid that trophy bass will be few, far between and scarce this summer.

However, there should be good fishing for school stripers from the Hudson River population. As a result of the closure of the river to commercial fishing in 1976 due to PCB contamination and several excellent year classes, the numbers are at one of the highest levels recorded since New York State began to keep statistics. The multitide of fish just an inch or two under the 24 inch minimum in 1984 will reach legal size this year. The closure of commercial fishing in New York waters west of a line going from Wading River on North Shore Long Island to Mastic Beach on the ocean side will further protect this population. They will represent the bulk of the Atlantic Coast striped bass until there is an improvement in Chesapeake Bay spawning success. Under normal circumstances, the Hudson River fish are only 10 to 20 percent of the total Atlantic Coast striped bass fishery.

Spring flounder fishing was good in terms of size and fish were fairly plentiful in the Stamford area. On some days, virtually every fish which I caught was a keeper and I throw back anything close enough to the current 10 inch minimum to require measuring.

The blackfish began to show in numbers by the beginning of May and fishing should remain good through the first half of June. Last year, the whole area from Smiths Ledge (buoy 30) westward to the Cows was productive in both the spring and the early fall. Many fishing the Stamford area reported taking their fish at Cobble Reef. This is an ambiguous term since Cobble Reef means different things to different people. It is the area off the east end of Shippan Point and everyone has his own set of bearings. In reality, there are a number of ledges and high spots at depths from 15 to 30 feet and most can be quite productive at times. If you don't have your own private set of bearings, cruising the area with a depth recorder will soon pick up an interesting dropoff. Normally, fishing is best on the down current side and a fast dropoff with rough bottom is most likely to be productive.

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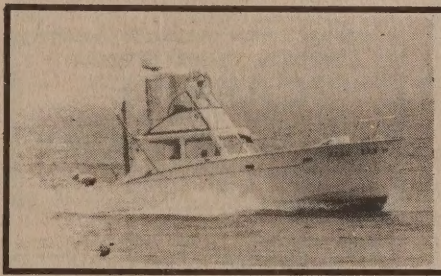
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The Jim Lopresti party with cod and pollock jigged at Block Island aboard the Montauk charter boat "Adios."

fishing at Nantucket on the second day. A group fishing the bow filled all their coolers with cod, with Bill Schneider from Greenlawn, N.Y. catching 58 cod alone! Capt. Forsberg said that there are only a few tickets left for this weekend. Call as soon as possible to reserve.

Maureen Sennefelder at **Gone Fishing Marina** reports that the charterboat **Caprice** fished Shagwong and the North Bar for 50 snowshoe flounder ranging in weight to 4 lbs. 4 ozs. On board with Capt. Storc were Gary, Kenny, and Mike Contessa. Mussels and clam bait was used, along with very heavy chumming. The marina based boat "Mimi" fished outer Shagwong Reef with green crab and clams for 10 blackfish to 9 lbs. The "Blue Max" filled all its coolers with bluefish, fishing west of the Butterfish hole at the 740 line. Close to home, Carol and Stan Klein of Rockaway, N.Y. caught 25 flounder to 3 lbs. at Turtle Cove.

Because of quite breezy weather, Ted Kayle, Louis Violetti, 8 year old Chris, and 13 year old Peter fished in Lake Montauk for flounder using clams. The group returned to **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** with over 60 very thick flounder, all nice size according to Henry Uihlein.

Nancy, from **Captains Cove Marina** claims that mackerel are still quite thick south of Block Island. A marina based boat "Dream Girl" returned with approximately 400 mackerel on Sunday. Frank Liston, owner of the boat, could only talk with awe about the ease in which his son John age 4, was able to haul in 4 fish at a time. The first fluke has been reported in Montauk waters. All the bluefish you could want are nearby and a few striped bass were caught during the full moon.

Friday's trip on the **King Wayne** with Fred Dombo of Massapequa found a couple dozen cod. However, in Saturday's bad weather Dennis Walch of Brooklyn and his friends jigged 36 bluefish, 1 pollock, 30 cod and also 1 blackfish on bait. On Sunday, Bill Bresasier and Louis Cono of the AIM Plumbing and Heating Co. of Richmond Hill took employess and friends on a flounder trip, where 82 flounder to 3½ lbs. along with blackfish, sea bass and porgies were located at Gardiner's.

Captain Joe McBride found very large flounder to 4 lbs. on a half day charter with Norm Bussiere of East Setauket and his friends on the **My-Mate** on Saturday. Captain McBride fished the Rocky Point area, remarking that no fish were under 2 lbs. and all were very thick. Call him for open dates for bluefish and shark.

Captain Jerry McGrath located cod, a few pollock and lots of bluefish with Herman Tillet and his boys fishing recently on the **Nostalgia II.**

Last Tuesday, Capt. John DeMaio fished the CIA grounds with the Markus family: Bob, Joel and Danny accounted for 30 big codfish on the **Vivienne**. Many of the cod were over

Bob Denny and friends with part of a fine catch of cod and pollock made during a recent trip aboard the Montauk based charter boat, "Mistress Too."

25 lbs. in weight with the largest 39, 40 and 41 lbs. Two large pollock were also jigged.

Captain Jay Rigano had intended to fish on Cox' Ledge on Friday on the **Lori-Jay** but ominous weather reports prompted us to stay at the CIA grounds instead. Using jigs and bait, we caught a couple of pollock to 22 lbs. with 7 cod to 10 lbs. Although fish could be spotted on our recorder, they appeared reluctant to bite. Chris Raskopf, Stret Whitting and Bob Bell were onboard.

Captain Michael Potts reported lots of bluefish in Block Island waters early last week along with as many mackerel as you want. The freezers of the **Bluefin IV** are loaded with bait for giant tuna charters.

The **Bluefin I** has been into bluefish, with as many as 85 blues caught in the morning on a charter last week. Blues are heavy south of Montauk, at Cartwright.

Captain Bill Ricca also reported loads of mackerel at Block Island both on Saturday and Sunday fishing on the **Alyssa Ann** with Greg and Chris Alfano who fished both days. Captain Ricca is loaded with mackerel for shrk and tuna trips and looks forward to a great season.

On Friday's trip on the **Julie III**, Joe Radd and his friends caught 66 flounders, to 3½ lbs. with some sea bass, blackfish and porgies at Shagwong. Sunday's trip to Block Island resulted in 600 mackerel and 56 flounder (from Block Island Harbor) according to Capt. Ron Grandinetti.

Captain Mike Bentevegna, Jr. sailed the **Pronto** to the Ranger wreck on Sunday with Glen Ricci and friends. The group caught 5 blue sharks, keeping two of the smaller and tagging the rest, estimated at 250 to 300 lbs. Captain Mike encountered hordes of bluefish in the 12 to 15 lb. range with shark action best in the afternoon. Captain Mike has found blue shark very good to eat provided you treat it carefully. He guts it immediately and hangs it to bleed. Next, cut off the head and tail and pack in ice on the boat; pack and freeze. Before cooking, defrost the fish in a colander to drain the juices, soak in milk for a few hours and then cook.

Edelman's Lou Rosa took the "Bullet" offshore with Tommy and Louie, Jr. Because bait and fish were marked at 35 fathoms and the water temperature was 56.5 degrees the group chummed for an hour with no luck. Lou tried again at 41 fathoms where blue sharks entered the slick, seven were caught and released. A mako estimated at 300 to 400 lbs. entered the slick chasing live bluefish but wouldn't take a hook.

Plenty of blue sharks provided lots of action for Randy Clements on the **Adios** fishing past the 40 fathom mark. Captain Phil Lewis feels that a very good shark season is at hand since the waters are warming up nicely.

SOUTH FORK

Although there are still plenty of flounder to be had off Gardiner's Island, with individual catches upwards of 20-25/man, Capt. Artie Lach has revised his fishing schedules to fluke and porgies due to popular demand. The **Wilhelric** will fish for fluke every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and porgy fish the rest of the week. Private craft have been into porgies in the bay with some humpbacks among the catch. Fluke catches have increased daily. Captain asked me to advise you of his special fluke trip to Horton's Point, Sunday, June 16, sailing time at 6AM. Reservations and a deposit are necessary! The past weekend's night weakfish/bluefish trips were slow, probably because of the brilliant full moon which confused the fish. Now that the moon is waning, night action should regain its frenzied peak.

Chris Salb at **Bayviiew Marine and Tackle** expressed surprise that the flounder are still hanging in at Cedar Point, in fact, anglers intent on porgies over the weekend, returned with more flounder than scup! Weaks and blues slowed down over the full moon weekend, but lots of bass showed up, although most are shorts. Lots of blowfish around, in fact, surf-casting off Long Beach has been very productive in this area. June looks like a promising month!

Jim Squires traveled 15 miles offshore on Sunday, from **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** looking for sharks on his marina based boat "Galloping Ghost." No sooner had the chum pot gone into the water than the boat was "attacked" by bluefish in the 10 to 18 lb. range. The anglers on board quit after 27 blues, leaving them biting. Joe Corr reported lots of cocktail blues in Shinnecock Bay, particularly at the mouth of Old Fort Pond.

Thom Speckenbach claims that the full moon drew the stripers to the Shinnecock Inlet, where bass in the 30, 40, 50 lb. range were caught this past weekend. Weakfish to 14 lbs. were brought into **Speck's Bait and Tackle** Thursday and Friday, caught in South Race, Nassau Pt., Jessup's or South Ferry. Bluefish also can be found in the same spots. At Shinnecock, try Heady Creek and the inlet for bluefish. Blues are mainly in the 2 to 4 lb. range with an occasional 12 lber. Thom suggests the East Channel and front of the inlet for fluke. Very little has been heard of from Gardiner's this past weekend, however, Thom feels that fluke should be starting at the North Rips very soon.

Because of the waning flounder action, Capt. Ken Malone has switched to fluke on the **Jenny Rose**. The fluke are earier than last year and there is a greater proportion of keepers to shorts. One trip this week accounted for 30 keepers. Another trip with 6 anglers had 18 keeper fluke. A correction: the first ocean wreck trip on the **Jenny Rose** is scheduled for June 8th. Offshore reports are very good. Call for sailing time.

Mickey Altenkirch was astounded over the huge bass taken by Sandford Thaler of Wantagh over the weekend. It seems that Mr. Thaler was fluking near the inlet on Friday, caught some fluke, then found that he was snagged on something: the something turned out to be a striper of 50 lb. 10 oz. which was foul hooked in its gill plate. After a 15 minute struggle, using 16 lb. test line on a 940 reel meant for

Kurt Zoller and friends with two big blue sharks taken aboard the charter boat, "Eagle." The boat, which sailed out of Montauk last season, is now available for 6-man charters out of Captree.

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fluke the bass was boated. The hook was as straightened out as it could get without falling out! Bluefish are so thick in the Shinnecock Inlet that you can walk on them, according to Mickey from **Altenkirch and Son**. Lots of bass appear to be under the blues, but few can get their bait down to them intact. Lots of blowfish, fluke and flounder remain in the canal and Shinnecock Bays. Gloria Dunn lives on a small creek and has been catching blowfish for supper from her backyard.

Larry Mangarillo reported on excellent fluking from **Corr's Mariners Cove** with everyone who tried returning with fluke averaging from 2 to 2¼ lbs., with the best action right off the marina's gas docks. Larry also heard of bass taken near the Ponquogue Bridge. No one knows how far he traveled, but Ed Parbst returned with four small mako sharks fishing on the marina based boat "Horizon" on Sunday.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Flounder remain the main attraction in Moriches Bay while offshore of Moriches, plenty of blue shark activity got the big game season off to a fast start. To the west, schools of bluefish kept jiggers and trollers busy from Fire Island Inlet on out to as far as one cared to run. Saturday's stiff northwest blow made for poor fluking with some improvement noted on Sunday. Another tidbit for offshore fans concerned the catch of a 475 pound bluefin tuna from atop the Virginia wreck by a shark fisherman on Friday.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Tom Montalbano called to report some wild blue shark action south of Moriches Inlet beyond the 175' mark. A number of Moriches Anglers Club boats cashed in on the action. Among them were Dr. Lou Pastore's Consultation and John Pastore's Sea Gull. The two brothers figured they landed and released nearly 80 blue sharks between the two boats. They finally quit when they ran out of terminal tackle.

Inside Moriches Bay, flounder fishing was very good on Sunday with the best action being found in the deep water between buoys 31 and 38. This according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East**

MORICHES BAY

Walter Kotnick and Rich Galle with a nice catch of Moriches Bay flatties up to 2 lbs. in weight, taken during a recent trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

Moriches. Best scores were being made on the last half of the flood and the first half of the outgoing tide. Fish range from ¾ on up to 2 pounds. On Sunday, Eli Pepper and Stu Mendelson took 85 flatties fishing north of Buoy 38. In the same area, also on Sunday, Ollie Short and Neil Fichthorn counted 96 flatties for their efforts. Gary added that there was some fair fluking during the week from the Elbow to Buoy 39 and there was a decent catch made in a hole near Buoy 43 as well. Fluking on the weekend however was poor. There are lots of small blues in the 1-2 pound class roaming the bay with one of the better spots being opposite the Coast Guard Station. Early morning has been the most productive time to cash in on the choppers.

Andy Hegeman of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport** said that Saturday's fishing left a lot to be desired thanks to Friday night's severe storm and the strong winds that followed. Flounder fishing continues to hold up very well with good catches being made at Buoy 42 and Havens Point on the flood and the Coast Guard Station and buoy 35 on the Ebb. Fluke are being taken but the fishing is picky at best with flounder a much better bet. On Sunday, Ray Hiruko, Mike Frluckaj, Dusan Maras, his son Clatko and Dvid Castriat. The group returned to the station with 120 flounder averaging 1 pound in weight. They fished opposite the Coast Guard Station on outgoing water using heavy mussel chum and sandworms.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Speaking from his **J & J Tackle Shop**, Paul Graniello told of some good early crabbing reports. He mentioned the Blue Point Dock as well as the sand spit at the mouth of the Patchogue River. Still a few weaks around with Tony Fiorentine clicking with a 10½ pounder on Thursday. He used a jellyworm in West Channel. On Saturday the crew from the Sea Rovir checked in with a 10 pound weak and some bluefish taken near the inlet. Bluefishing had been very good during the week inside the inlet with the better catches over the weekend made just outside. There are lots of blackfish on the Kismet Reef and still some flounder in the Sore Thumb pocket.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** put a 10 pound weak on the scale for Brent Fiedler on Saturday. It came from West Channel. Also on Saturday, Joe Gentile and Tom Martorana, along with Al managed 23 fluke from 14 to 16 inches despite strong NW winds. They worked the mouth of the inlet with sandeel baits. Plenty of blues crowded the inlet through Friday with jiggers and trollers making some heavy scores. Most of the fish range from 2 to 4 pounds. On the weekend, better catches were made from the Head Buoy on out to 70-80' of water with fish getting progressively larger as you move offshore.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi reported looking over a catch of 10 fluke made by George Santucci aboard his 'Windy'. All were taken in the inlet area on live killies.

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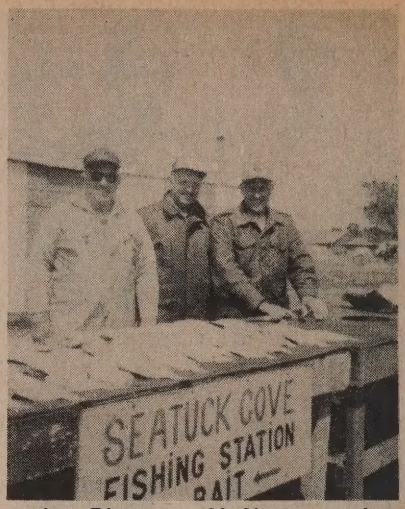

Joe Dicesare, Al Norton and Frank Schnabel landed 58 flounder near buoy 42 in Moriches Bay back on May 10. The trio fished out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in East Moriches.

On Thursday, Jim Cavanaugh set up a chum slick near the NA Buoy and finished with 10 blues in the 8 to 10 pound class. On his return trip he trolled a mess of 3-5 pound blues just a couple of miles south of the inlet. No word on weakfish this weekend but there have been lots of 2-4 pound blues trolled and jigged at the inlet and just outside.

Decent fluking most of the week according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. The flood tide and sandeel and squid combos fished from the Bridge to the Inlet account for the best scores. Boyd Miller stopped by the shop with a dozen fluke taken on Sunday. Still some weakfish being picked at West Channel and Ocean Beach on Jellyworms and sandworms. Carl noted that the Kismet Reef is hosting a healthy population of blackfish but few anglers are bothering with them. Some blowfish are also on the reef. Small blues to 4 pounds have been providing solid action at the inlet for those jigging with 007s or trolling umbrellas. Jiggers have had the edge. Bigger blues to 10 pounds are at the NA buoy. A reminder that shop hours will be expanded further beginning on Friday with 5AM to 8PM on Friday and Saturday, 5AM to 3PM on Sunday and 6AM to 8PM during the week.

Captree boatmen endured a relatively slow weekend with the fluke. Most captains I spoke to blamed the poor fishing on poor tide conditions through much of the weekend (Ebb tide) as well as the full moon.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** echoed similar sentiments of slow fluking this week with an occasional good drift mixed in. He noted that a good showing of 1-4 pound blues at the inlet provided some added excitement for fluke fans during the week. He also reminded

that his evening trips are producing good bluefishing most nights with a few weaks still mixing in. The weaks being taken are big with the pool usually in the 11 to 13 pound range.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** chose to speak of his evening trips as well. He spoke of some good bluefish action on several nights and an occasional good shot of weakfish action. One night last week saw 9 tiderunners come aboard and at least as many dropped. The biggest bluefish of the week ranged to 10 pounds but most are in the 2-4 pound range.

Capt. Fred Laier of the new **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** made his first offshore trek on Sunday. The trip resulted in 2 blue sharks, including one of 151 pounds for a party headed by Ed Unkel. The group also put away 2 dozen bluefish. Fred fished in 150' of water 150 degrees out of the inlet.

Tom Healy, speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reported that one of the shop's owners, Artie Orlandi put a box of blues into the cockpit of his 'Fast Eddie' on Sunday. He worked 50-80' depths south of the inlet and said the fish average 5 pounds but range up to 10 and added that you could have sunk your boat with them if you wanted. Smaller blues in the 2-4 pound class were solid at the inlet through most of this past week. 007 and A-17 jigs have been accounting for the best scores. Fluking was slow over the weekend although Bruce Romanich managed to do well. He put away 12 fluke on killie and squid combos on Sunday fishing at the mouth of the inlet. Tom noted that this is by far the best fluke catch checked in at the shop on the weekend. Weakfish still being taken by boatmen working early morning and night tides. The key seems to be avoiding boat traffic. On Saturday, a number of boatmen snuck behind the Sore Thumb to get out of the wind and managed to do a fair job on flounder.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported that after making the switch to fluke he found things off to a slow start. He blamed the weekend slow fishing on dirty water and poor tide conditions. Most fares managed 2-3 keepers with top scores in the 5 fish range. On Thursday Alan Johnson had a 9.13 pound weak grab a bait meant for a flounder while on Saturday John Kellherhels decked an 8 pound blue which gobbled a fluke bait. All the fluking is being done from the Bridge to the Inlet and the skipper added that beginning on Friday, June 7th, and every Friday and Saturday evening thereafter, the boat will be sailing 6PM for special bay bluefish trips.

The **Babylon** charter boat **Scamp V** reported a catch of 65 flounder and 4 weaks for the Helmott Family on Sunday. The weaks ranged from 11 to 12½ pounds.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported lots of 2-4 pound blues in the inlet being taken

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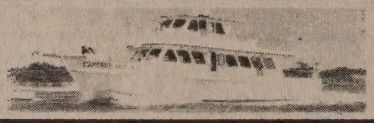

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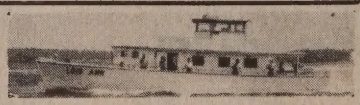

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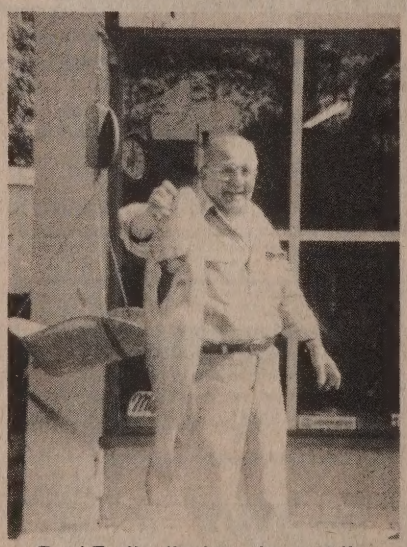
on 007s and red or green tubes. Very good blackfishing at Kismet Reef, WR Buoy and R.M. Bridge with fish to 9 pounds weighed in this week. Fluke action ranged from poor to fair in the State Channel at Gilgo, Squaw Island and from the R.M. Bridge to the Inlet. Sandeel and squid combos seemed to be working best.

Capt. Lenny Scheuermann of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** reported that he put together a fair catch of fluke for members of the Dr. Dziejima party on Saturday working between the bridge and the inlet. The group switched to weakfish later in the morning and finished with 3 in the 8 pound class. They dropped several others as well.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported a 475 pound tuna taken by a shark fisherman over the Virginia Wreck on Friday. Ralph could confirm the catch because he went to the dock at Freeport to see it in person. Billy Wenzel found no tuna over the Virginia but did return with a load of big blues taken while shark fishing. Billy Biscardi did a number on blackfish atop the Rota Wreck and kept only 15 of the biggest, all of which were in the 5 pound range. Action at the Copiague Hole for weakfish in the 4-6 pound class continued this past week. Jim Scarolla had 9 on shrimp chum while on Friday George Mills used a #2 unadorned Hopkins to take 8 of the yellowfins. The weekend's best fluke score was a product of the north shore. Mario Martorana trailered his boat to Mt. Sinai and used a fluke belly and Hoochie skirt combo to bag 14 fluke including a doormat of 10¾ pounds. Plenty of blues in the bay and at the inlet through much of this past week.



Fred Freije displays the 14.2 lb. tiderunner weak he weighed at Smokey's Tackle Shop in Bay Shore. The trophy weak was taken in West Channel aboard the private boat, Flying Carpet.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** looked over a catch of 21 fluke made on Thursday by Mike Newman of Lindenhurst. He used spearing and squid combos near the R.M. Bridge. On Friday, Paul Mascone stopped by to show weaks of 9 and 11 pounds taken on jellyworms. Joe Fucci continues to take small weaks in the Copiague Hole. These fish range up to 6 pounds. Good bluefishing at the Inlet with 2-4 pounders being taken on 007 and A-17 jigs. Umbrella rig trollers also taking a toll on the fish. Bob reminded that the shop's season-long fluke contest is now in full swing. Anyone can stop by and a $1 entry fee will make them eligible for the first place prize of a quality rod and reel outfit.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** reported that there are still some flounder catches being made in the deeper holes of the State Channel. Fluke catches range from poor to good. One of the week's better scores was made by Brian Pinta who counted 23 keepers for his efforts on Wednesday. He has been fishing the State Channel west of Frank and

Dick's. Blues are from the Inlet on out with the bigger fish beyond the 70' mark.

Capt. Ed Zack of the **Massapequa** charter boat **Sun Ray** called to report a catch of 40 blues in the 3-5 pound range taken on trolled umbrellas on Sunday. He fished a party headed by Mary Alice Kleinfelder and Al Bruns. The skipper worked 50-70' depths 160 degrees from Fire Island Inlet.

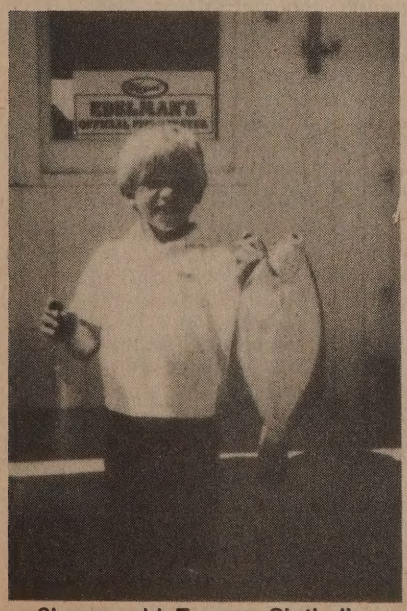
West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

It's been open season this week on fluke, flounder and bluefish with good catches made in all categories. Flounder are mostly very good size, fluke have been a large proportion of keepers and blues have been ranging from cocktails to fish in the teens depending on how far you want to run off the beach for them. While the Bay was a mob scene on the weekend, it appears that the same will be happening outside the inlets shortly with all the boat traffic.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of the Seaford area the skiff fishing out of **Pop's Fishing Station** continues to be tremendous on



Six-year-old Eugene Ciuti displays the 2 lb. flattie he decked aboard the open boat, Miss Babylon, on 5-14-85.

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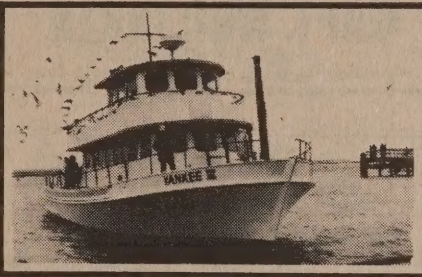

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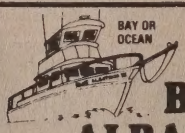

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flounder with good numbers of fluke mixed in also. The flounder have been hitting worm and mussel on both sides of the 3rd Wantagh, Zachs Bay and Squaw and are large and fat. The Fernandez party of three on Sunday had 125 flounder to 2½ lbs., both tides working. Heavy chumming has been the key.

Aboard the open boat **Chinco III** flounder have been excellent early in the week with Tuesday and Wednesday having high hooks in the 70s. In the latter part of the week things dropped off somewhat with flounder while numerous fluke were caught on the flounder rigs. The skipper says that due to customer request he is now switching to fluke every trip.

We hear from **Wanser's Tackle** of excellent floundering at the 3rd Wantagh with action just a little bit less at Zachs and 4 Corners. The area around the low has been best and fish have been large. Fluking has been excellent said Lon in Haunts Creek and good in Sloop Channel and Goose Creek.

The 3rd Wantagh bridge has been producing some weakfish at night on whole sand worms. Two to 3 lb. blues at Jones on small tins. Fort Neck Pt. has given forth 3 to 4 lb. weakfish at night also on sand worms. Just good fishing said Lon.

We hear from Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh of very good fluking over the weekend on incoming tide with spearing working best and 50 to 70 percent of the fish being keepers, depending on the area fished. Lots of blues 2 to 5 lbs. mixed in at Jones Inlet hitting flounder bait or small tins. Floundering continues good at the bridges and through State Channel. One customer had 49 flounder Saturday to 2 lbs. 10 oz. with five of the fish being over 2 lbs., all on worms. A 52 lb. bass was weighed in at the shop, the fish caught by Cookie Thaler, while fishing killies for fluke in Moriches Bay. Blackfish slowed on the weekend and also smaller now. Some rumors of offshore blue shark.

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick we learn from Gary that Joe Baltzer and son Richie of Merrick boated 22 keeper fluke Wednesday in Reynolds Channel on sand eels, spearing and squid bait. Many of their customers found excellent fluke this week in Reynolds. Anywhere from 1 lb. to 14 lb. bluefish available depending on how far out you want to fish while flounder continue strong at the bridges and the hole off the Short Beach CG station.

The big news out of Freeport coming from Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** is of the first giant tuna of the year, and very early at that, a 475 lb. bruiser caught Thursday on the Puffin by Larry Gorman of Merrick and Paul Giangroso of Bayside who is also president of Hudson Anglers. The big fish was caught in the area of the Virginia wreck and put up a 4½ hr. fight. The fish took a whole mackerel, as this was a shark fishing expedition. The

fish hit a shark rig tied into 50 lb. test Sigma line on a 6/0 Daiwa. The fish was exactly 99 inches in length. The duo also had 11 blue shark to 200 lbs. which they tagged and released. Ronnie says this is the earliest giant taken in anyone's memory. For the record, a tuna becomes a giant at either 310 lbs. or 78 inches in length.

From the charter boat **Corsair** we learn that Sat. trip for Acardi Electric had a good catch of fluke fishing the inlet and Reynolds on sand eels and spearing with best action at the beginning of the flood. Fish were mostly keepers and the charter also had some bay blues. Sunday saw a majority of throwbacks caught but there was still enough keepers to keep it interesting. This trip was for the Men's Club of the Shelter Rock Jewish Center.

Aboard the **Starstream II** lots of ling were caught this week to 5lbs. with the pool everyday taken by bluefish. A few blackfish and sea bass have been mixed in on each trip. On Thursday, June 13 the boat will be starting night bluefish at 7PM for the season. The day bluefish trips will be beginning shortly, so call if not certain.

From the charter boat **Nan-Sea** we hear of Sunday's offshore trip for Ed Tobia of Malverne taking 54 blues 8 to 15 lbs. on light tackle. The skipper said the water temp was hovering around the 60 degree mark.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** this week Tuesday's trip for Lumber Headquarters of Floral Park had good fluking. Wednesday's trip for Amoco of NJ also enjoyed good fluke while Friday's flounder trip for the 26th Precinct, Manhattan was productive. Saturday's trip for Ken Walker Associates of New Rochelle also picked away at fluke while on Sunday the Norm Cogliati group of Whitestone had good fluking, averaging 5 keepers a man. The skipper said all fishing was done locally in Jones Inlet, local creeks and at the Meadowbrook bridge area on squid, spearing and sand eels for fluke and sands and bloods for the flounder.

Aboard the **Capt. Lou Fleet** t his week excellent flounder catches were had on both boats early in the week. Tuesday on the **CL III** 20 fares had over 1,000 flounder. Aboard the **CL V** Dave Dryer had 50 up to 3 lbs. Please note that both boats are now switching to fluke, while in addition the CLV III will be running daily flounder trips from 4:30 PM to dark.

Captain Sy Karlin's **Blue Fin Fleet** enjoyed excellent fluking along the beaches this week, averaging 200 keeper fluke per trip. Fish were mostly keepers hitting on spearing and fluke belly. John Jacoberger took a pool this week and Ed Calabro was runner-up. High hook was 14 fluke. Flounder trips have produced locally on red dyed clam and worms and Sy said it seems to be an excellent fluke season on hand. Stu Dietz of Hanover Bank had a 10 lb. blue while drifting i the inlet for fluke.

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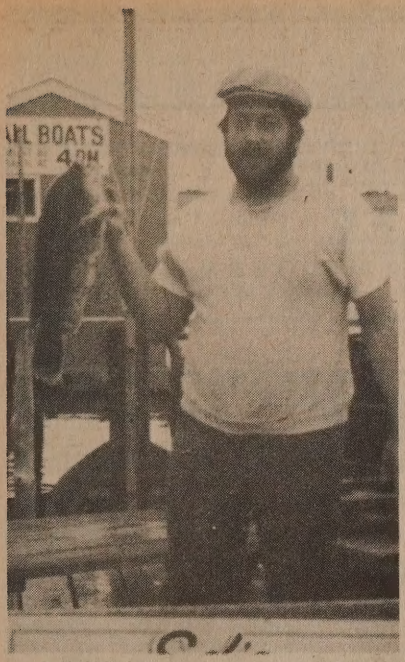
A call from the charter boat **Captain Gary** told of Wednesday's trip for Mike Daus and family who had good fluking. Mike bagged the 3½ lb. pool fish and John English was high hook with 14. Friday's trip for th eDept. of Corrections also had good fluking. Joe Camarato was high hook with 16 and Joe Saladino took the pool with a 4½ lber. Saturday's Trip for Vent-A-Rama Company had fair fluking with Tom Ryan high hook with 15 and Mike Lewis taking the pool with a 4 lber. Lots of midgets. Saturday's night blue trip for Woody and pals saw a good catch with an 11 lber. taking the pool and Ken Malts high hook with 12. Eighty-nine blues were taken in total. Sunday's trip for the East Meadow Fire Dept. had fair fluking with Joe Garic high hook with 14 keepers and Jim Ganfan with a 3½ lb. pool fish.

Aboard Capt. Al Bala's charter boat **Nicky B** folks from Tutto Bene Restaurant of Forest Hills hoisted 35 blues from 9 to 12 lbs. at 17 Fathoms on deep trolled 3 tube rigs using wire and drails down an estimated 50 feet.

A call from the charter boat **Capt. Joe** told of Saturday's fluke charter for Frank and Tom Lucal, Bill Rhica and officers and men from Engine 5 Wantagh Fire Dept. They had very good fluking in Jones Inlet with a 3½ pool fish for Bob Meadows and high hook honors to Bill Breslin with 9 fish. Most fares averaged 5 to 6 keepers apiece. The end of day tally was 80 keepers and 80 midgets on the ebb. Sunday's trip was an offshore wreck



Andrew Boreyko topped off a catch of 40 blacks at the Meadowbrook Bridge with this 6 lber. All were taken on fiddler crabs. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout.

venture with a fair catch of sea bass to 5 lbs. plus some blackfish for Amy Yim and family.

A call from **Sea Isle Sports** told of 89 good flounder caught Sunday at the Jones Beach piers on worms by Marvi of the store. Saturday night roy Allen took 12 blues and a 12 lb. weakfish at the Big M on tins and cut bait while Friday JR of the store had roughly 100 lbs. of blues off Lido in 30 feet of water on a modified daisy chain.

The word from **Freeport Boatmens Association** is of very good fluking aboard the **Super Spray II** working Jones Inlet and other local channels. The charter boat fleet is also working the fluke and flounder as well. Some of the trolling boats are working the bluefish schools off the local beaches for 2 to 5 lbers. with bigger fish further off and ling on the offshore wrecks. Fluking has been best in Jones, Long and Swift Creeks and Sloop Channel. Flounder have been best in Long aNd Swift Creeks and at the Big M wit some sea bass and blacks mixed in.

In nearby Pt. Lookout we learn from the **Capt. Al** that Saturday nights bluefish trip had 25 fares with 350 blues. Mike Murphy had 18 as did a pal of his while Hal Yellowcab sacked up with 20 all on bait and chum. The bottom fishing day trips have been doing very well with a mixture of blues, porgies, sea bass, ling and blacks. Skipper Al Lindroth says that since bluefish seem so cooperative he is now switching over to a full bluefish scheduled both day and night. See ad for details.

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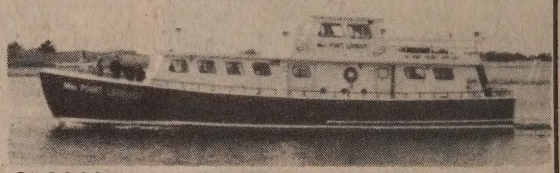

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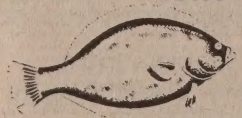

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noted the fluking was off on Saturday due to strong moon tides, wind and seaweed. However, fluking picked up again on Sunday. Flounder have been fantastic with a score of 213 for Dave, Artie and Joe fishing off the CG Station, Swift Creek and the Flats on sand worms with heavy chumming. Bob Stefanelli had a 2 plus lb. flounder. Lots of blues blasting through the whole Sloop Channel area.

Aboard the **Capt. Bill** this weekend there was fair floundering Saturday. Things slowed on Sunday due to heavy boat traffic, moon tides and mucho grass.

Aboard the **Commodore** out of Island Park, the skipper said the catches off Riis Park SUnday were super with a good shot also taken at the inlet. Fares also had small blues from 2½ to 4 lbs. Bill and Fred Bauer had 62 keeper fluke. On Thursday, Frank and Marilyn Herskowitz fishing in the bay had 33 keepers. Fluke have been to 4 lbs. with most of them being 14½ to 15 inch fish with an 80 percent keeper ratio.

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook notes that although chumming is still a must, flounder catches have been very good off the Short Beach CG station and in the mouth of Swift Creek. A lot of his customers have been splitting the day half fluke, half flounder. There's been about a 50 percent keeper ratio on fluke with squid combos working best and small blues all over the place.

We hear from **Long Beach Boat Rentals** that fluke has been number one this week with the dorys averaging 12 keepers per boat. Buoys 5 and 7 in Reynolds and the south bank of bouy 3 have been best on white bait. Flounder still definitely around as evidenced by Felix and

Buzz with 154 flatties to 2 lbs. taken off the Cedarhurst Yacht club on mussels and bloods. Blackfish spotty at the ABB but Joe Beller took a 6 lber. at the Stone Wreck off Rockaway. Bay blues in Debs with larger blues off the beach in 20 to 30 ft. of water up to 7 lbs. Cow bass being livelined off Rockaway and at the ABB. At night, of course.$

From Atlantic Beach we learn from Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** that his first night bass trip of the season resulted in a catch of several stripers, 12 to 20 lbs. on white Danny plugs for Tony Dabnis, Don Romano and Dave Brodie of Oceanside. Some bass also off Lido on Spoons and some big fish at the ABB on bunker.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** Al tells us on Friday night Frank Silvestro, member of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club fishing a live bunker at night on low slack fought and landed a 36 lb. 4 oz. striped bass directly under the ABB. Frank also said he released a much larger bass the same trip. Plenty of fluke in Reynolds west of the ABB to Debs. Blues from 87th Street to Playland in 30 ft. of water on umbrellas and jigs with red tails. Lots of flounder east of the ABB off the Cedarhurst Yacht CLub creeks. Blackfishing has slowed although they are still being caught at the ABB, Silver Pt. Jetty and inshore wrecks.

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At **Skippys Tackle** in E. Rockaway, we're told of lots of blues being caught along the beaches and at the inlets on just about any bait or artificial. Skippy called the fluking good this week at DUck Point and the bridge areas. Stripers available at the bridges and inlet jetties. Hot fish of the week was the excellent flounder-ing said Skip at the Big M, Swift Creek and Sloop Channel on sand worms.

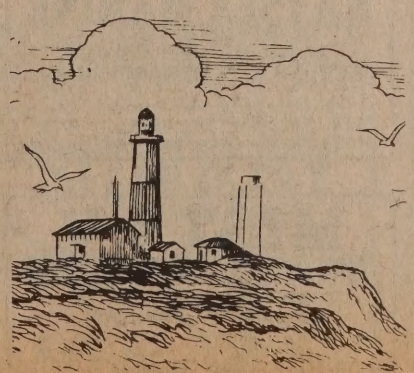
To the west in **Sheepshead Bay** the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle Shop** right across from the fleet told of good fluking off Coney Island and the Rockaways with a 4¼ lb. fluke weighed in from a Bay Charter Trip. Blues a very good item at Norton's Pt. and Tin Can on bait, A27s with tails, and DB3s with tails. Blacks and porgies were caught to everyone's satisfaction aboard the Pilot II while in the bay at night small weaks and blues have been hitting bucktails or live bunker.

The **Flamingo III** is now bluefishing 6:30 AM everyday. Thursday through Sunday they had good to very good catches with most days fares dragging bags of blues off the boat. Sunday was down just a bit because of the heavy boat traffic and moon tide. Fish are running anywhere from 2 to 9 lbs. and are all spread out off Jersey, the Rockaways, Nortons Pt, Tin Can Grounds and in back on diamond jigs.

We hear from skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** of his excellent blue-fishing all week working off Playland and Manhattan Beach for the smaller fish 2 to 3 lbs. and the 10 to 18 lb. jumbos further off at Augie's Lump. Fishing has been solid and consistent said Al, as many as you could catch, up to 90 a man. Saturday night's trip was excellent also.

It was good fluking this week on the **Zehyr** working the can and the red side of Ambrose, 95 percent of the fish being keepers, 2 to 4 lbs. and up. Catches average 5 to 50 keepers a man said Capt. Butch on spearing and sand eels.

Aboard the **Dorothy B VII** there was a 95 percent keeper ratio reported also from the area of the Tin Can, fish averaging 2 lbs. Earlier in the week catches averaged 30 to 35 fish a man.



North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Warming waters produced good fishing for summer species late in the week although strong frontal winds made Saturday a loser for the weekend anglers. All reports seemed to indicate the beginning of a good fluke season, and bluefish are appear-ing quite early.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that blues were just beginning to show locally and that blackfish and flounder were still available. One bass slightly over keeper size was taken near the Klondike Dock, and fluke anlgers were traveling across the Sound for their best shots. The **North Star** from **City Island** informed us that bottom fishing was an on/off proposition with best results for flounder and blackfish

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and a slim pick of porgies. Several weakfish highlighted the week as well. **Jack's Bait** seemed to be enjoying a very busy Sunday and could not file a report.

The Pearsons of the **Klondike VIII** felt that the mixed bottom scene was best described as "decent" with catches of blackfish, flounder, sea bass, and porgies from Lloyds and Eatons. When the bluefish come close in 3-4 more weeks, the boat will be shifting its target.

"Things were apoppin" at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** where an early bluefish spurt and sporadic fluking were the highlights. Plugging was as good a technique as any for the blues, and Rebels, poppers, other swimmers were all employed. A few weaks including one 10.2 have been weighed at the Shop in recent days.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

The **Ever Ready** crew from **Huntington** said that most of the bottom action was still close to the beach with blackfish, fluke, and blowfish now part of the bag. One 3½ pound summer flounder was taken on a worm and most fares continue with worms and crabs.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** told us that mixed flounder to 1½ pounds can be found with tautog in the 2.5 pound range off Eatons and Marshall Field. The best of the fluking seems to be off Sunken Meadow, Lloyds, and the mouth of the Nissequogue. There were very few weaks at all, but a lot of short bass in the 19-22 inch range were noted. An occasional 10-18 pound linesider was reported on worms. Bluefish activity was better off Lilco and Center Island than in most other areas, but it was still a struggle to find the blues while trolling mid-Sound.

Bowman's said that fishing for blues was good with most in the 3-7 pound range. The fluke off Asharoken ranged from 14 to 24 inches, and shorts were in the minority. Blackfishing was best off the Coast Guard Station, and there were flounder and a few scup around as well. Most bass in the area were throwbacks.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** felt that blackfishing was still good off Oldfield and Cranes close to the rocks. There were porgies off Oldfield and Buoy 11, but it was certainly "no bonanza". Lots of schoolie bass were spotted in mornings and evenings around all the points, and fluke were all over. Outgoing water prodcued better drifts last week.

Stan Hentschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Shop** noted one outstanding catch of porgies, more than 60 fish, inshore of Buoy 9. Best fluking was still off local beaches, Herrods Point Buoy 7, and inshore of Buoy 11. Mark

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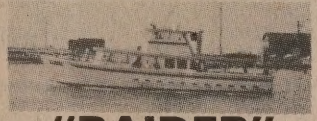

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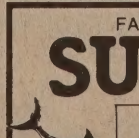

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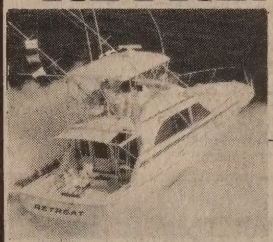

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Captain Frank of **My Yacht II** informed us that Joe Schife's party pulled 55 fluke on both sides of high water from the area around the Pink House. Best results were on strip and sandeel baits with sea robins the strips of choice.

NORTH FORK

Warren's in **Aquebogue** described a very, very slow scene on weakfish with the best current bet the fluking on the Sound.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** told us that some boats had porgies while others struck out. The scup, moving ahead of the bluefish schools, ranged from hand-sized to 1½ pounds, and the most consistent catches came from Buoys 28, 30, and the Middle Grounds. A number of sea bass were mixed in, and Pat MacFarlane actually had several weakfish in a catch near Buoy 26.

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Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt** said that things were pretty well unchanged from last week with sporadic porgies and a few weaks. The scup were often clustered between Jessups and the Middle Grounds but the daylight fishing for predators, blues and weaks, was very spotty. One 17.8 tiderunner from a trap was a showpiece at the fishmarket last week.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** figures that fluke fishing is still premature and that catches by private craft are spotty. Flounder are moving constantly in the Pettys and Orient areas as well as Gardiner's but blackfishing is good on fish to 4-5 pounds most everywhere. The numerous blowfish are still bringing a lot of good eating to local tables.

Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** saw one 4½ pound fluke on Saturday along with reasonable fluke catches near the Mattituck Inlet. Blackfishing was fairly good to the east near the Motel and there were a few porgies off the Firing Range.

Reports came from most of the party boats in the North Fork fleet and were indiciative of the changing seasons. John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** explained that Saturday was slow because of the early blow and limited fishing opportunities. His **Blue Albatross** will be sticking with flounder for a while longer. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** figures that winter flounder are "winding down" and that fluke are mixing in well. He'll be fluking in earnest this week. The night trips of the **Brand X** have occasional weaks to 12 pounds, but are filling with a lot of blues to 4 pounds. The best fish in recent days was a pool winning 9.8 fluke on such a night excursion.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** called to say that flounder fishing was good, although somewhat inconsistent, with most people still going home with 8-10 pounds of fillets on good days off Pettys and Gardiner's. Gardiner's was good on Sunday's change of tide but died afterwards. Then Pettys Bight produced nicely for the duration with many 2-pounders in the haul. Ciccotto expects to begin fluking next Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Brennan gave us one of the best reports from the **Peconic Star** on his last day of flounder fishing Sunday. He'll be shifting to scup this week. Three of the better flounder of the season included Dave Tooker's 3.2, Arthur Houghton's 3.0, and Harriet Jaigabind's 3.9. All of these snowshoes came from Gardiner's, where Dave had a nice shot on Sunday. Brennan also had 40 scup to

2 pounds and a couple of 1½ pound sea bass in the catch. Action was definitely better on the last of the flood. With a high hook in the 20's and winter flounder still ever-present in the 1½ to 2 pound class, Brennan figures that the flounder are "still there for those who want them". The sailing time will remain the same now for the porgy-weakfish trips this coming week.

Surf REPORT with Fred Golofaro

Bluefish have been keeping many surfmen occupied at all the South Shore inlets as well as along many North Shore beaches. The past week saw a decent showing of bass at Montauk with quite a few small fish making up the action but enough teens and 20's to spice interest.

Of all the inlet bluefish action, Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reported witnessing casters taking plenty of 2-4 pound blues on the back side of Jones Inlet Saturday morning. All appeared to be throwing tins, but as Tom said, it probably made little difference.

Casters working Fire Island Inlet, both from the Democrat Point side and Cedar Beach had a field day with the same 2-4 pound choppers through the latter half of last week. A number of casters reported catches of 20-25 blues and at least one reported taking several bass in the 20-22" size range as well. Among those cashing in on the action were Danny 'The Mailman' and Dick Kissel.

According to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Moriches Inlet also had its quota of blues along with a few short bass this past week. He also told of putting an 11 pound striper on the scale for Dan Krsnak Sunday morning. The fish was taken at Montauk. A J. Yenick stopped to weigh weaks of 6 and 10 pounds which he took from a beach in the Cow Neck area (Peconic Bay). A couple of sources reported that divers took a number of big cow bass from Moriches Inlet this week but no reports of any being taken on rod and reel.

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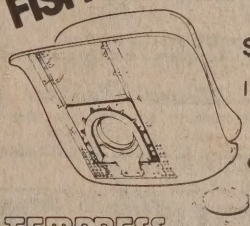

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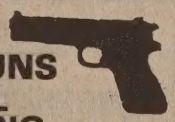

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here. Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** confirmed choppers of 9 and 12 pounds taken on the east side this past week. Most were in the 2-4 pound range. He noted a good showing of big stripers at the Inlet for boatmen and figured it was only a matter of time before some surfmen connect with the fish. The biggest problem for the casters seems to be getting below the bluefish to the stripers.

Out at **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Kronuch's Tackle Shop** reported mostly small fish with a few into the teens and 20's reported being taken from the North Bar to Jones Reef. Needlefish plugs, green in particular, are accounting for most of the fish. One reliable source told me that another caster clicked with three bass in the 20 pound class over the weekend. He too used Needlefish. John weighed a 26 pounder, taken Sunday night, by Frank Calandriano. Frank took the fish on North Bar.

Mike Kaland, who handles the publicity for the hard fishing Striper Surf Club reported several stripers to 16.5 pounds for Leif Gobel on Friday night at the Point. The Bayport angler reported dropping a couple of other decent fish as well. Needlefish were again the ticket. Mike added that some club members have been joining in the fun at Fire Island Inlet and taking plenty of small blues. One member was lucky enough to cull a 14 pound chopper out from among the smaller fish.

Up on the North Shore, plenty of blues ranging anywhere from 3 to 7 pounds are spread along a vast expanse of beach. I received good reports from as far west as Glen Cove where **Glen Cove Sports Shop** reported good early morning action with blues on Rebels and poppers.

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in **Northport** told of plenty of blues along area beaches with the best fishing again in the early morning or evening hours. Most tins will work on the fish as will swimming plugs, poppers and droppers.

Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** weighed a 19½ pound striper for Mark Elliott. It was taken from a local beach on a jointed Redfin. Stan reported lots of small bass before the moon with a few keepers mixing in but said recent days have seen a decline in numbers. Plenty of bluefish around with some good catches made Sunday morning and evening. Gibbs Pencil Poppers have been hot but most tins and plugs will also take fish. Stan noted that Brookhaven Town continues to make live miserable for surf fishermen by further restricting access. The latest setback involves no parking after 10PM at any of the town's beaches. A special fishing permit would seem to be the sensible solution and we urge all Brookhaven resident in particular who have an interest in these beaches to make their feelings known to Supervisor Henrietta Acompora by phone or mail.

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Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

A surprisingly slow week from a freshwater standpoint, especially following Friday night's thunderstorms. Trout fishing remained steady but most other species seemed to take the week off. The largemouth bass season opened on Saturday but reports indicate that many anglers stayed at home rather than chance getting caught in an early morning downpour. With some clear skies, fishing should rebound this week.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, reported that although he had no specifics, there are some small bass around. Most anglers have been working Hempstead Lake or Grant Park.

Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, said that he had a pretty quiet week on the freshwater side. There are still some pickerel in the 14''-16'' range being taken from the Twin Lakes, but the weeds at this location are making the fishing mighty tough. Although he sold a lot of killies to bass fishermen over the past several days, few anglers stopped by to offer any feedback as to how they did.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sport Center** in **Farmingdale**, said that he had unconfirmed reports that one fisherman took two 12'' and one 13'' smallmouth bass from Lower Yaphank Lake on small Mepps spinners. Brian Foley used a gold spinner to connect with a 13'' brown trout on the Nissequogue River off Thatch Pond Road.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani mentioned that angler effort seemed to be down this week. There are still some nice carp to be had in Argyle Lake, Babylon. Use dough or bread baits.

This week's showers sparked some fast fishing on the waters of the Connetquot River according to Gill Bergen. Careful anglers using 4, 5, or 6 x tippets had good sport. Others, who were not so careful had some trouble connecting with these well educated trout. Site #23 produced

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several rainbows over 2 lbs. John Flynn took a 23", 4 lb. Kamloop Rainbow on a yellow hornbug Friday evening in the main pond while Thursday saw Warren Ray connect with two 4 lb. browns. One fish was taken from the main pond and the second fish came from the mill tail section of the river.

Rod DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, confirmed the excellent Connetquot River fishing. Rod mentioned that one angler stopped in to say that he took twenty fish on nymphs. Pat Ryan of Islip Terrace, took a limit of two pound fish early in the week. Black maribou muddlers and wolly buggers were the key.

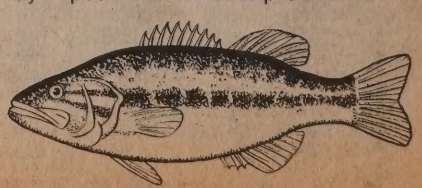
From **J & J Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, John lamented the fact that he received few opening day bass reports. He did weigh in a 4.4 lb. pickerel taken from the Mill Pond by Dave Mehrtens on a killie bait. John also checked in a 3.4 lb. brown trout caught in Swan Lake by Norman Saccente. Norman used a night crawler to entice his prize. The winners in the Patchogue Fishing Club's freshwater tournament were Jim Kurto with a 3.7 lb. bigmouth, and Joe Modica who put a 1.2 lb. pickerel on the scale.

Mary Gallo reported from her office at Southaven Park that fishing this week was very slow due to heavy boating on Hard's Lake. A few small rainbows were caught and released and one 15" bass was taken from the south end of lake.

I got out for a couple of hours Saturday morning and had a few good innings with some small bass on Lower Yaphank Lake. Using small white spinnerbaits, I buzzed 10 bass between 8-12" long. All the action was in the north end of the lake. Anglers working the south side of the lake had some action too.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, reported that anglers working the Peconic River system had some action but nothing spectacular. On Saturday, Kac Ezel and his father Ted, caught two bass to 3 lbs. and two large catfish. John Esposito, Joe Larea, and Mark Pesonen combined for two bass, four pickerel, and a crappie, while Kurt Wuestfeld of Lake Ronkonkoma, used a rapala to land a bass of 3.9 pounds.

From Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, we hear that fishing has been slow due to high winds and foul weather. Still, when fishermen can get out, there are steelheads and lakers responding to spoons trolled in 41 to 42 degree water. A few chinook salmon have also mixed in. Black and silver Evil Eye spoon are the best producers.



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SUN.	1:20	1:55	2:10	2:50	2:05	2:45	3:00	3:50	5:30	6:10	4:50	4:25	1:15	1:50	6/9
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Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/6	5:25	8:32
FRI. 6/7	5:25	8:33
SAT. 6/8	5:24	8:34
SUN. 6/9	5:24	8:35
MON. 6/10	5:24	8:35
TUE. 6/11	5:24	8:36
WED. 6/12	5:24	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/6	—	8:36AM
FRI. 6/7	12:12AM	9:46AM
SAT. 6/8	12:45AM	10:54AM
SUN. 6/9	1:13AM	11:59AM
MON. 6/10	1:36AM	1:01PM
TUE. 6/11	1:57AM	2:01PM
WED. 6/12	2:17AM	3:01PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/18	6/25	6/3	6/10

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:45	**2:35**	9:20	**3:05**
Fri.	9:45	**3:35**	10:15	**4:00**
Sat.	10:40	**4:30**	11:10	**4:55**
Sun.	11:30	**5:20**	11:40	**5:45**
Mon.	—	**6:10**	12:20	**6:30**
Tues.	12:45	**6:45**	12:55	**7:05**
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Thurs.	1:55	**8:00**	2:10	**8:20**

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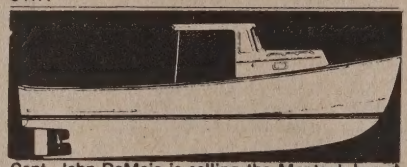

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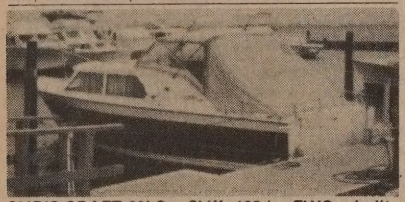

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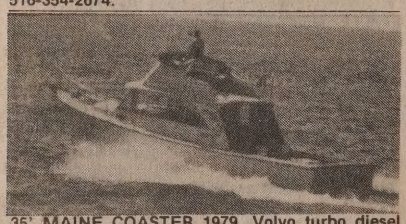

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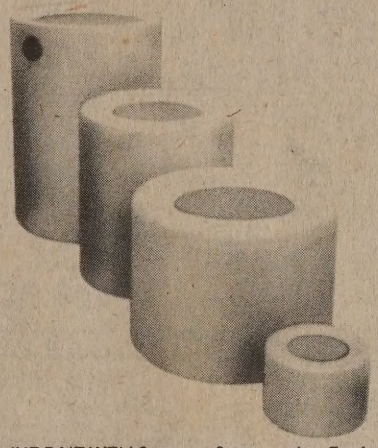

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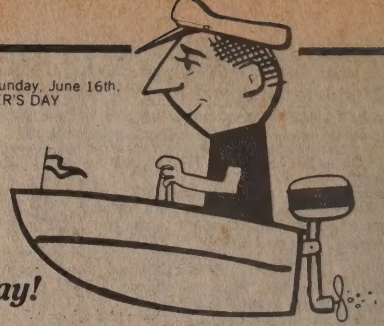

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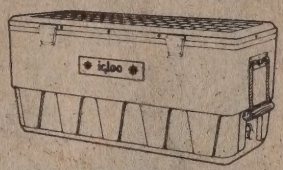

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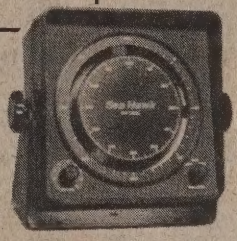

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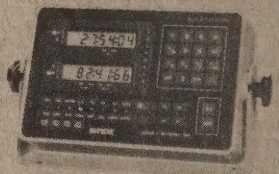

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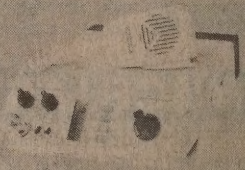

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